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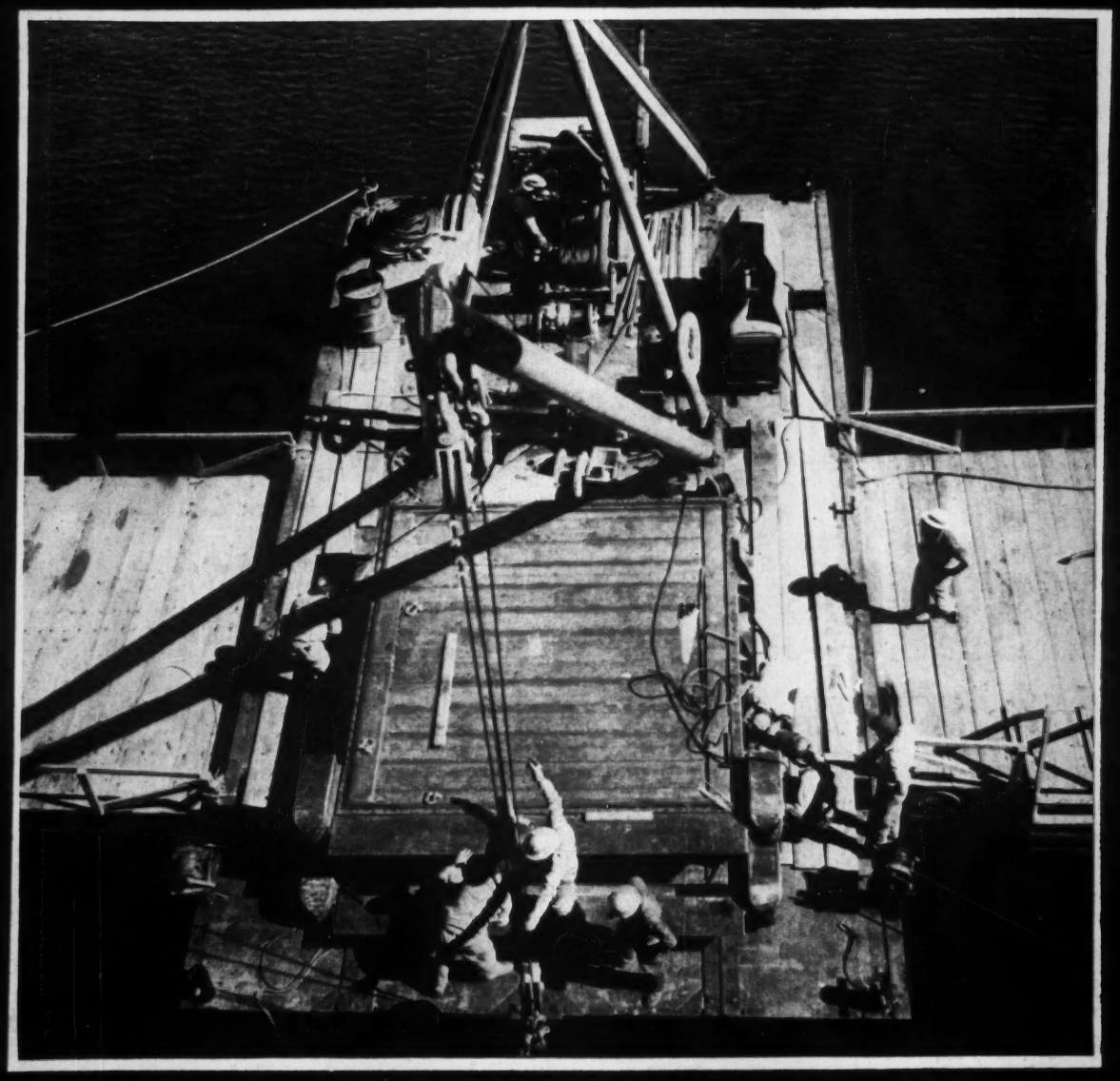

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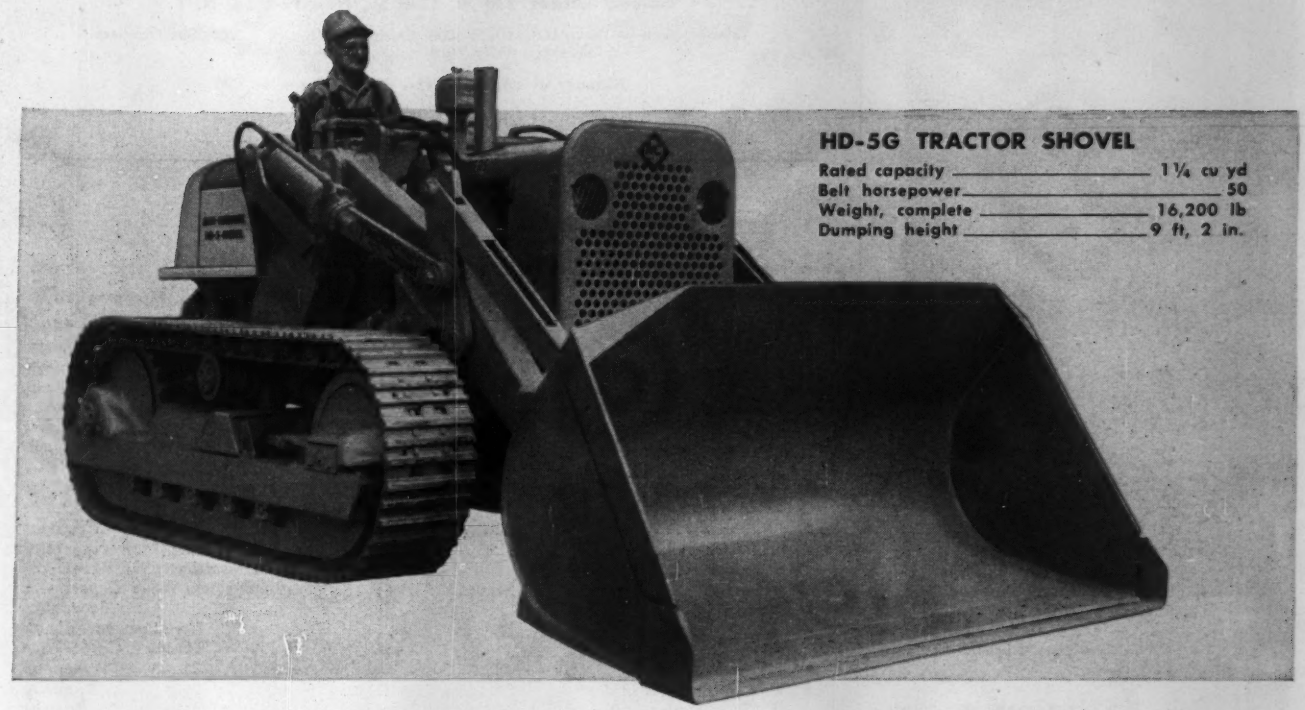

**HD-5G TRACTOR SHOVEL**

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| Rated capacity | 1¼ cu yd |
| Belt horsepower | 50 |
| Weight, complete | 16,200 lb |
| Dumping height | 9 ft, 2 in. |

From the time of its introduction seven years ago, the Allis-Chalmers HD-5G Tractor Shovel has been tops in popularity. Many thousands are daily proving their ability and versatility on all kinds of material handling and excavating jobs.

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## 1. Has Bigger Rated Capacity

New bucket handles a big 1¼-yd load — streamlined design now helps roll in large loads with less tractor effort. The back of the bucket has been brought forward and the sides extended to cut spillage, put more payload where it's wanted.

## 2. Helps the Operator Do More

Cleaner dumping with the new bucket saves the operator time and effort shaking out loads.

For added versatility, there is a two-position bucket available with both standard automatic return to digging position and operator-controlled tip-back. If the operator chooses to use the controlled tip-back, he can load the bucket, then tip it back approximately 25° before raising, assuring maximum output under special conditions such as downhill loading or loading loose materials.

The HD-5G helps the operator do more in other ways, too — giving him full vision, fast and easy control, cleaner platform and more comfortable seat from which to work, and more working time with truck wheels, support rollers and idlers that need greasing only once every 1,000 hours.

## 3. Works at Lower Cost

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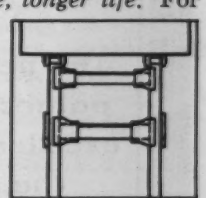

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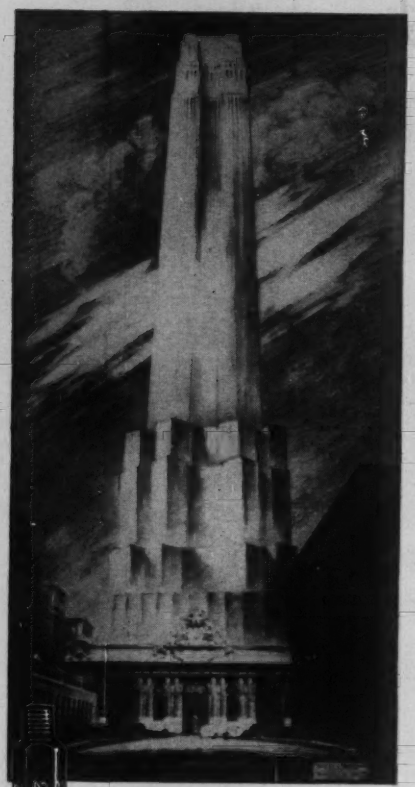

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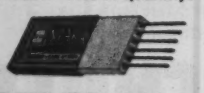

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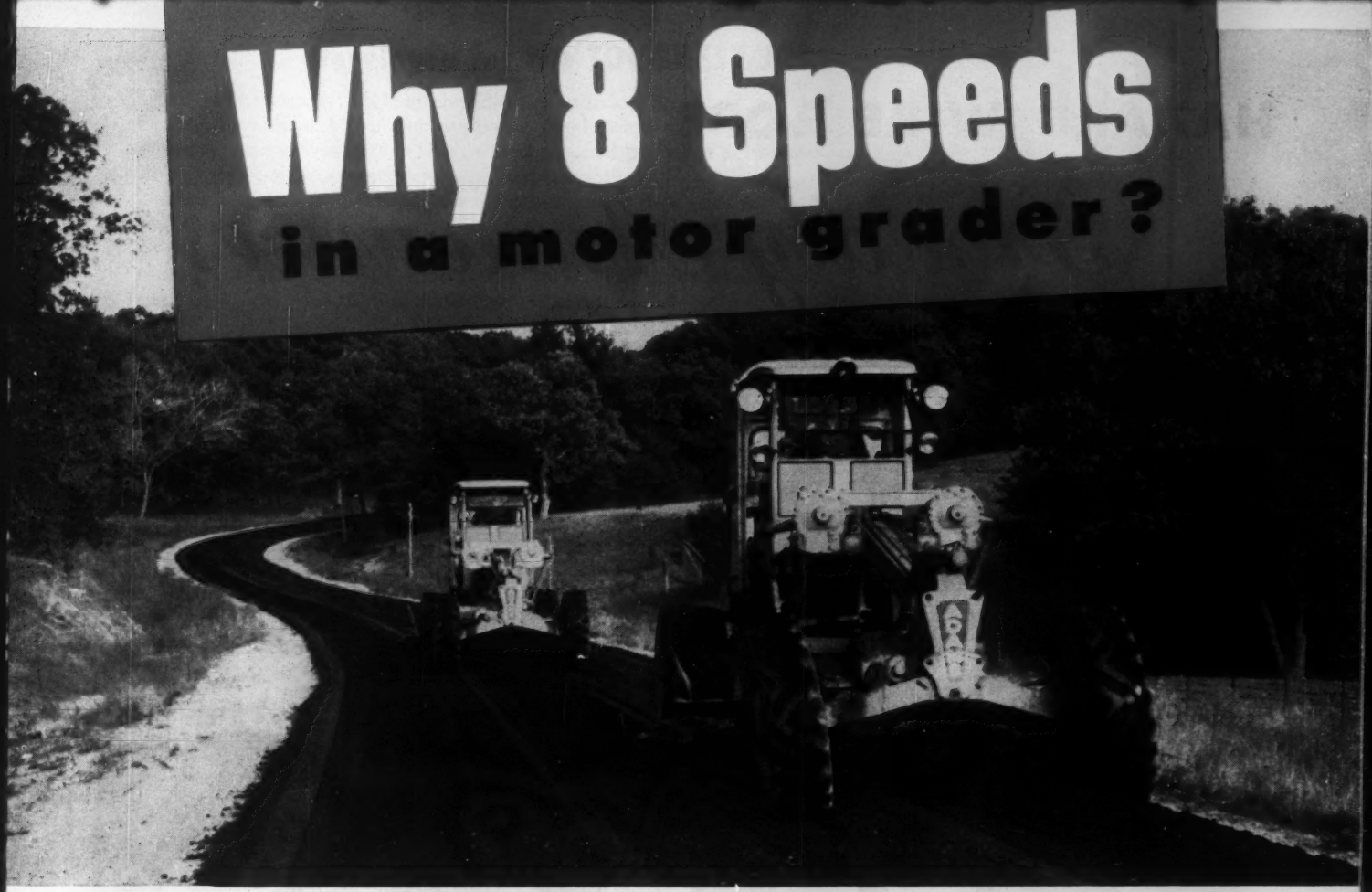

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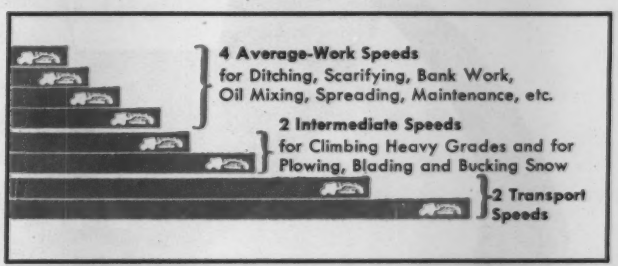
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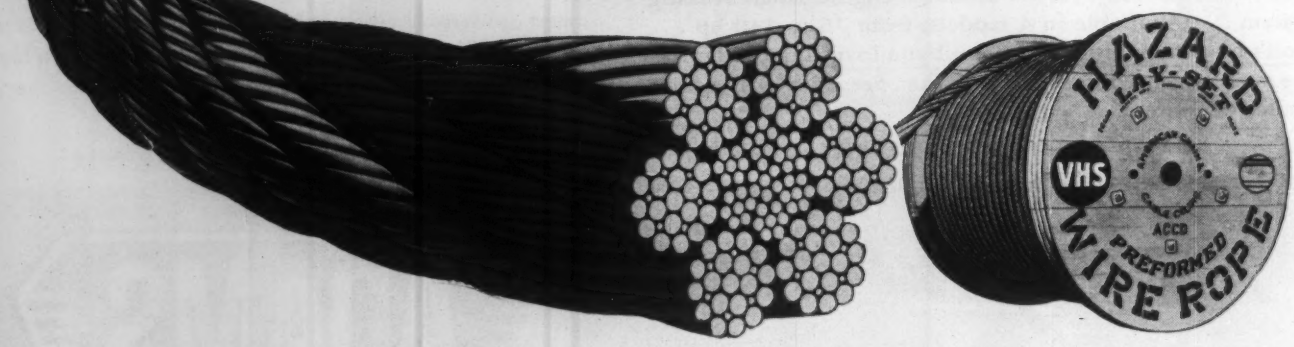

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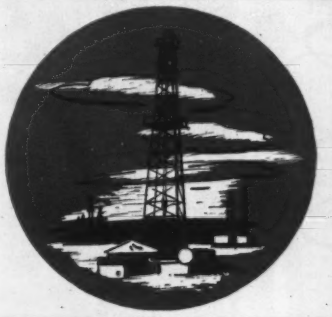

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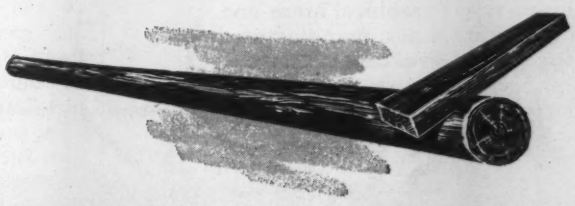

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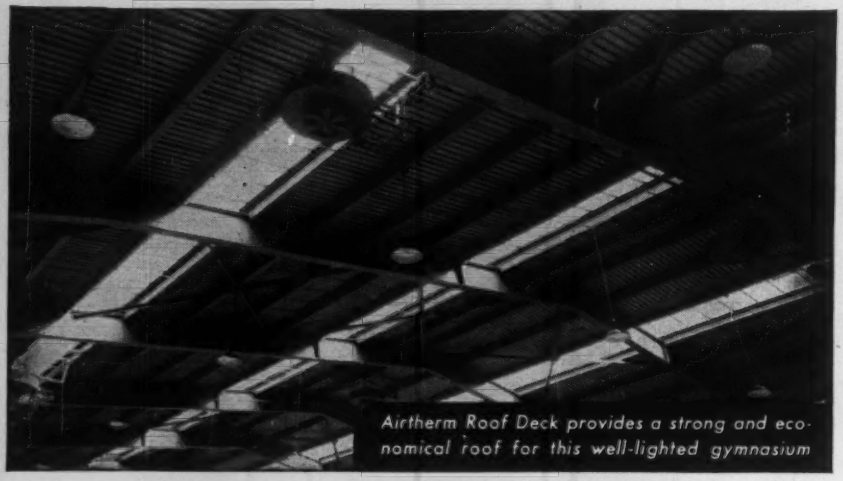

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### Congested Freeways

SIR: Your article on p. 34 of the March 31 issue about the Los Angeles Harbor Freeway was most interesting to me since I drive about 50 miles per day on our freeways. My speed averages under 30 miles per hour on these beautiful six and eight lane thoroughfares. At least five miles of the days trek from home to office and return is in first and second gear due to the overload of bumper-to-bumper traffic. I wonder how you got such unrealistic photos of empty freeways, unless they were taken at dawn. The freeways of Los Angeles reflect little credit on the engineers who planned them. For example, whose planning missed and resulted in a one-lane bottleneck for the past year at the juncture of the Santa Ana and Hollywood Freeway? Or the chronic bottlenecks at entrances and exits, or the bottleneck over the Cahuenga Pass? Whose boner has made the freeways inflexible so that they cannot be widened to take care of the incorrectly estimated traffic volume?

I think that ENR could well devote a feature to the miscalculations and errors in technique and judgment that are cast-in-concrete all over our famous freeway system, for here is certainly a very poor record of the highway engineer. Somebody has goofed—but will these goofings be repeated in the freeways under construction? There is a story!

LARRY SMITH
*North Hollywood, Calif.*

### Ingenious Framing

SIR: The hidden-arch space-frame spanning the San Mateo high school gymnasium (ENR March 24, 1955, p. 35) is an interesting application of the basket-handle arch principle introduced into bridge engineering by the writer (ENR Nov. 16, 1950, p. 26 and ENR Feb. 25, 1954, p. 46) and incorporated in the Rio Blanco River Bridge in Mexico. Application to building structures of "hipped plate" type in steel is ingenious.

It would be of value if further information were published as to the validity of the assumption of 50-50 distribution of roof load between the arch and the walls. The actual distribution should be in proportion to the relative stiffnesses of the two supporting systems, but would be complex to evaluate.

A very interesting vaulted roof is

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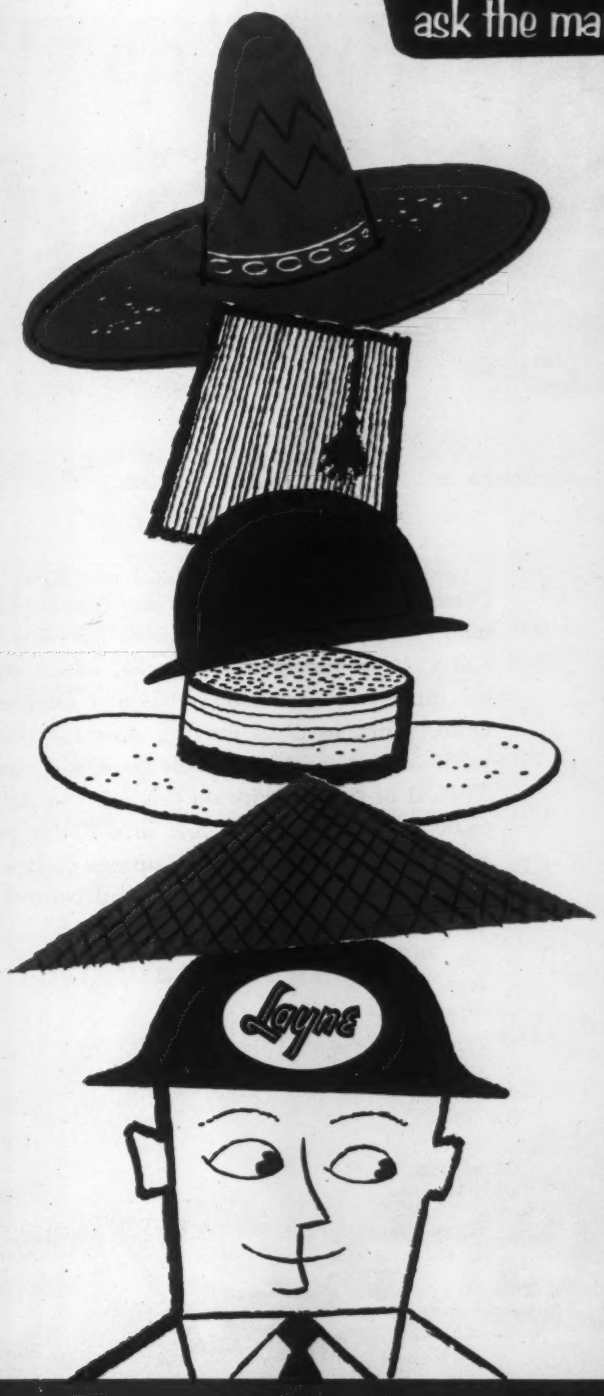


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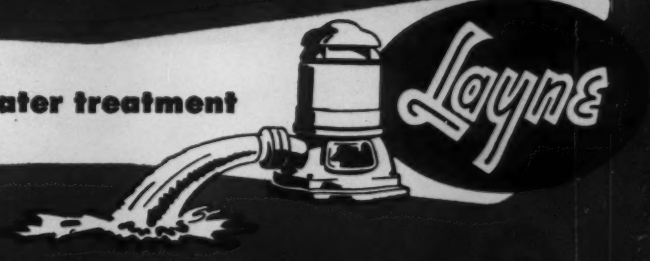

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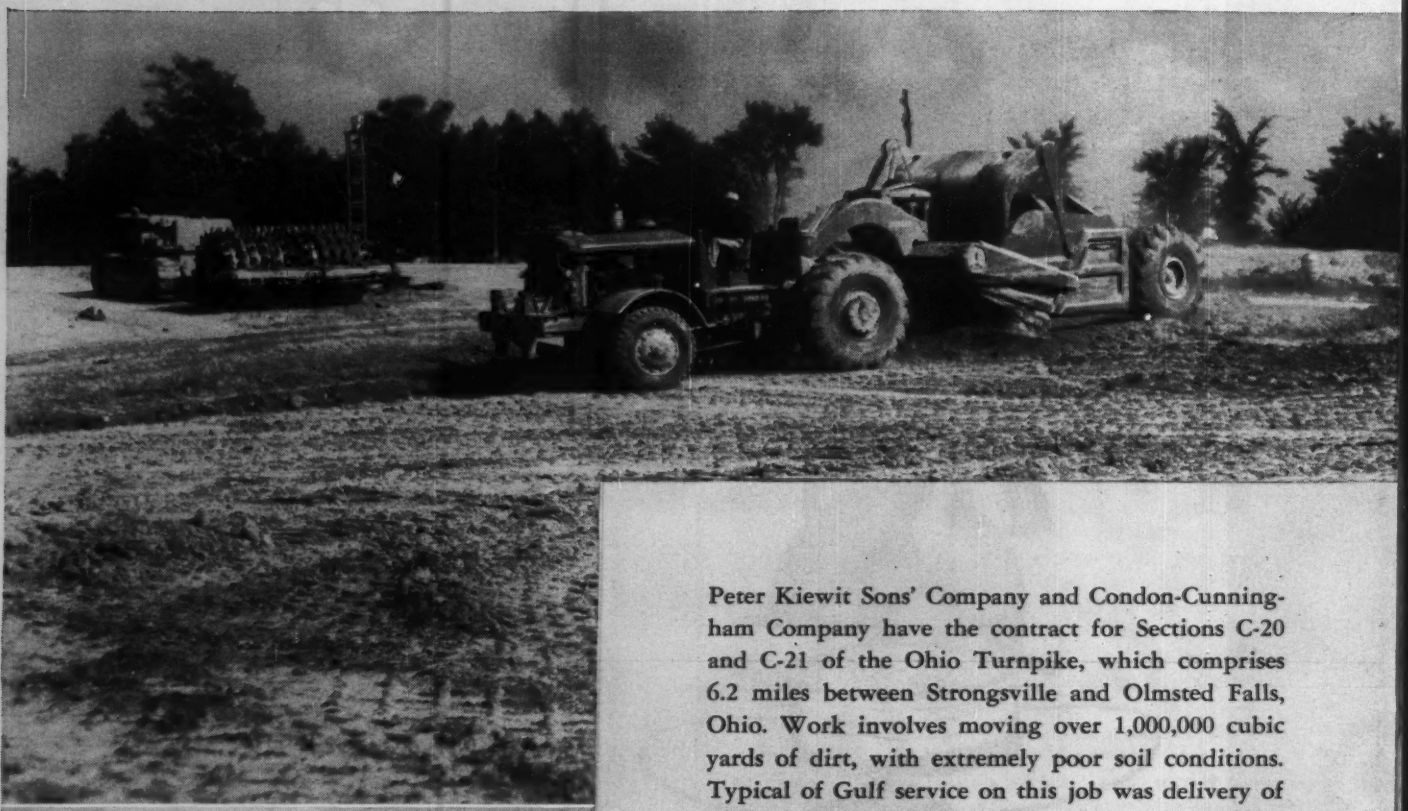
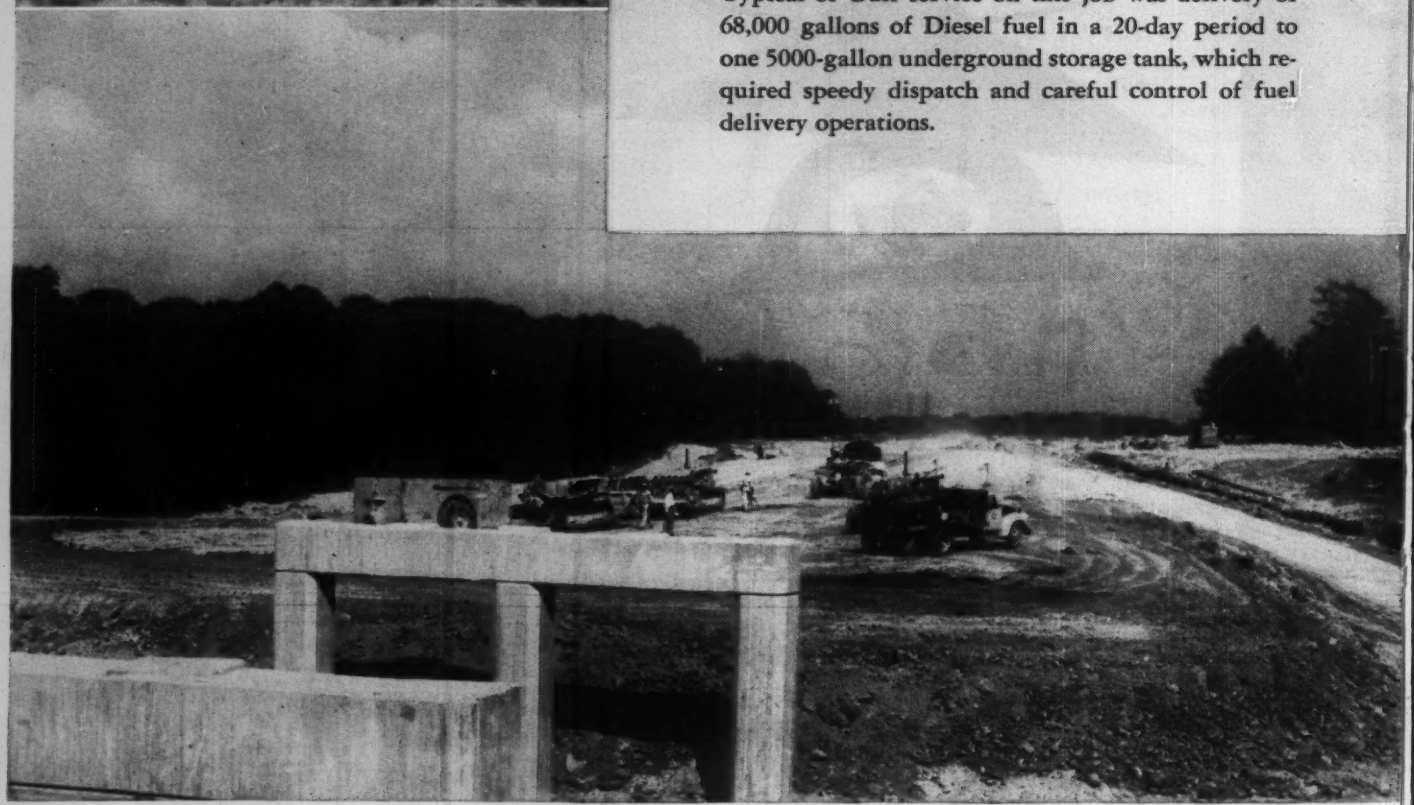


Peter Kiewit Sons' Company and Condon-Cunningham Company have the contract for Sections C-20 and C-21 of the Ohio Turnpike, which comprises 6.2 miles between Strongsville and Olmsted Falls, Ohio. Work involves moving over 1,000,000 cubic yards of dirt, with extremely poor soil conditions. Typical of Gulf service on this job was delivery of 68,000 gallons of Diesel fuel in a 20-day period to one 5000-gallon underground storage tank, which required speedy dispatch and careful control of fuel delivery operations.



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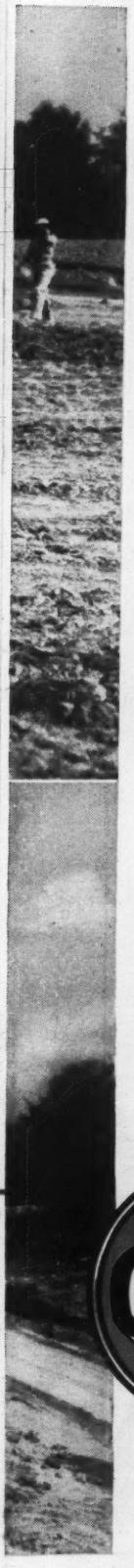

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**Society of American Military Engineers,** annual meeting, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, N. Y., May 5-6.

**Annual Conference for Engineers and Architects,** Ohio State University, May 6.

**Purdue Industrial Waste Conference,** Purdue Memorial Union, May 9-11.

**Heating, Piping and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association,** annual convention, Shamrock Hotel, Houston, Texas, May 10-13.

**Engineering Institute of Canada,** annual meeting, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ont., May 11-13.

**Michigan State College Centennial,** engineering symposium on the application of automation to building design and construction, East Lansing, Mich., May 12-13.

**New York State Society of Professional Engineers,** annual convention and engineering industries exposition, Commodore Hotel, New York City, May 12-14.

**National Materials Handling Exposition,** International Amphitheatre, Chicago, May 16-20.

**Structural Engineering Conference,** University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., May 20-21.

**Air Pollution Control Association,** annual meeting, Detroit, Mich., May 22-26.

**National Rivers and Harbors Congress,** national convention, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., May 30-June 1.

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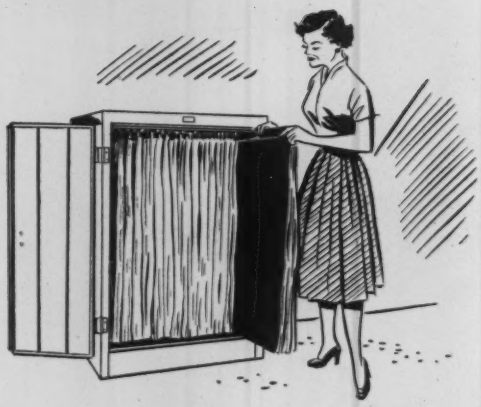

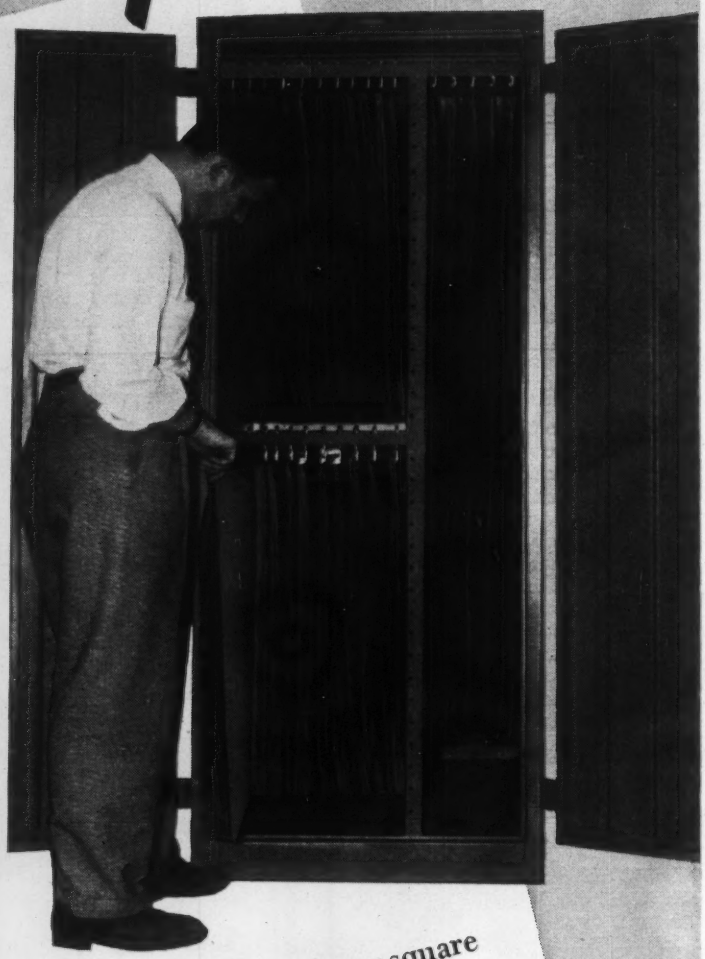

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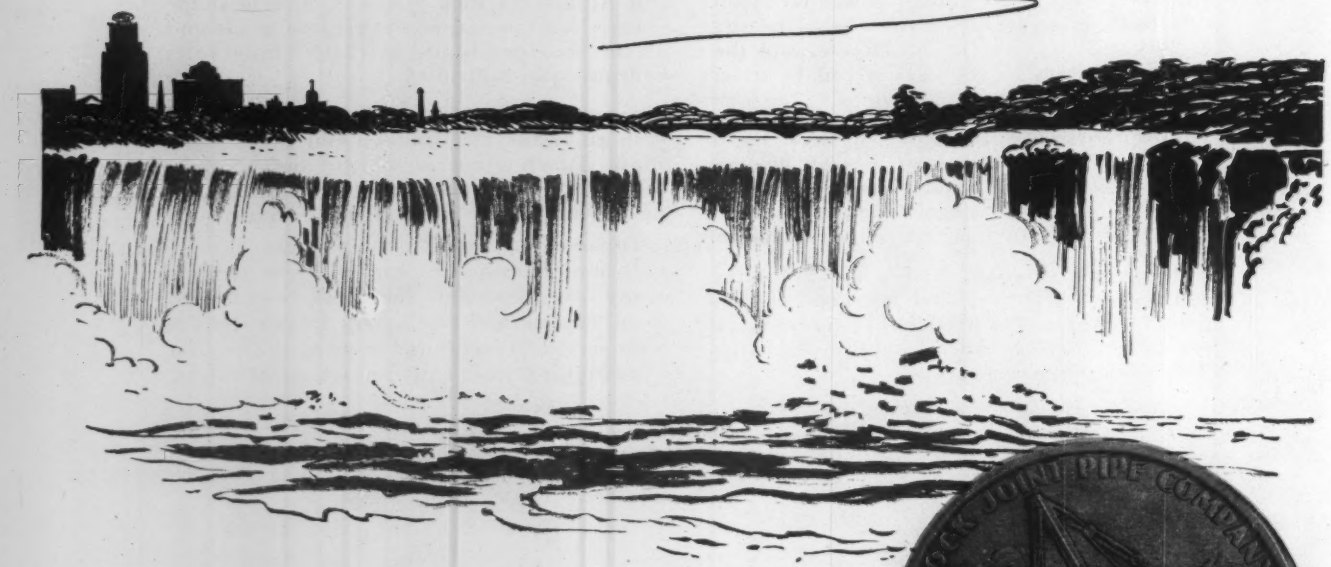

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# THE CONSTRUCTION WEEK

**AREA STANDARDIZATION**—It'll be worth watching the efforts of the Corps of Engineers toward area standardization of construction equipment.

What the Corps plans is this: In the European Theater, for instance, all equipment in a large area will be from one manufacturer; in another region, another maker, and so on around the world.

Idea is to reduce the vast inventories of replacement and repair parts currently required by the hodgepodge assortment of machinery operated by Engineer outfits.

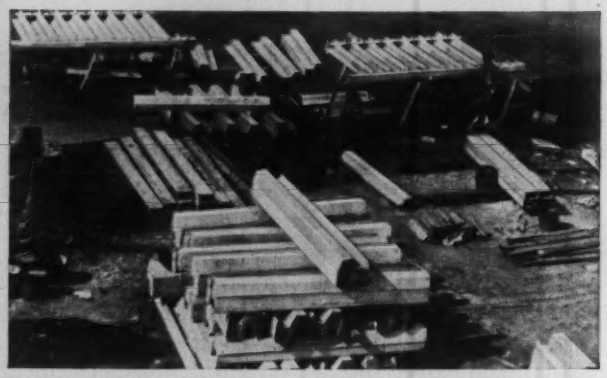
**APPRECIATION OF SAFETY**—Reportable accidents on the third tube project of the Lincoln tunnel—linking New York City with Weehawken, N. J. under the Hudson River—so far have been less than half what could have been expected on basis of past records. To show its appreciation, the New York Port Authority gave a dinner for its safety personnel, contractors and union representatives. George C. Stewart, general manager of the National Safety Council, appropriately was principal speaker.

**DO IT YOURSELF FLUORIDATION**—With vociferous objectors in many places blocking fluoridation of water supplies for reducing tooth decay, the inevitable happened last week. From Los Angeles under the trade name FluoriDental came announcement of a one-inch-long faucet attachment, said to add fluorides to the water in proper amount for preventing dental caries. Patent pending, the device will be available soon.

**TIE-IN SALES CHARGED**—Eleven contractors engaged in plumbing, heating, ventilating and air-conditioning work have filed a civil complaint in federal court in Seattle against 11 sheetmetal firms. The sheetmetal firms are charged with refusing to bid on jobs held by the plaintiffs, unless they are also designated as suppliers of fans, blowers and filters.

**SPECIALIZATION DEFENDED**—The growing trend toward specialization in the engineering professions got strong backing last week from Granville M. Read, du Pont engineer who was in charge of design and construction of the Hanford Works for plutonium production.

Declared Read at the diamond jubilee meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers: "We hear sometimes that this is an age of over-specialization. While I agree that engineers should be well-rounded men, an integrated engineering effort demands specialized knowledge in a great many specific engineering fields."



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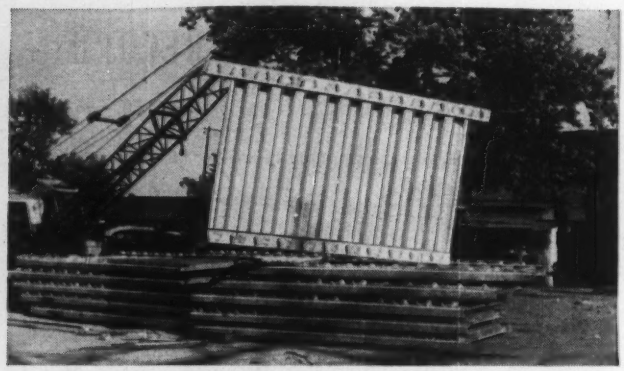

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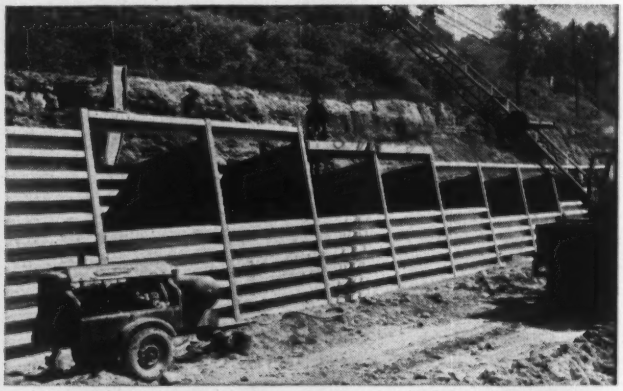

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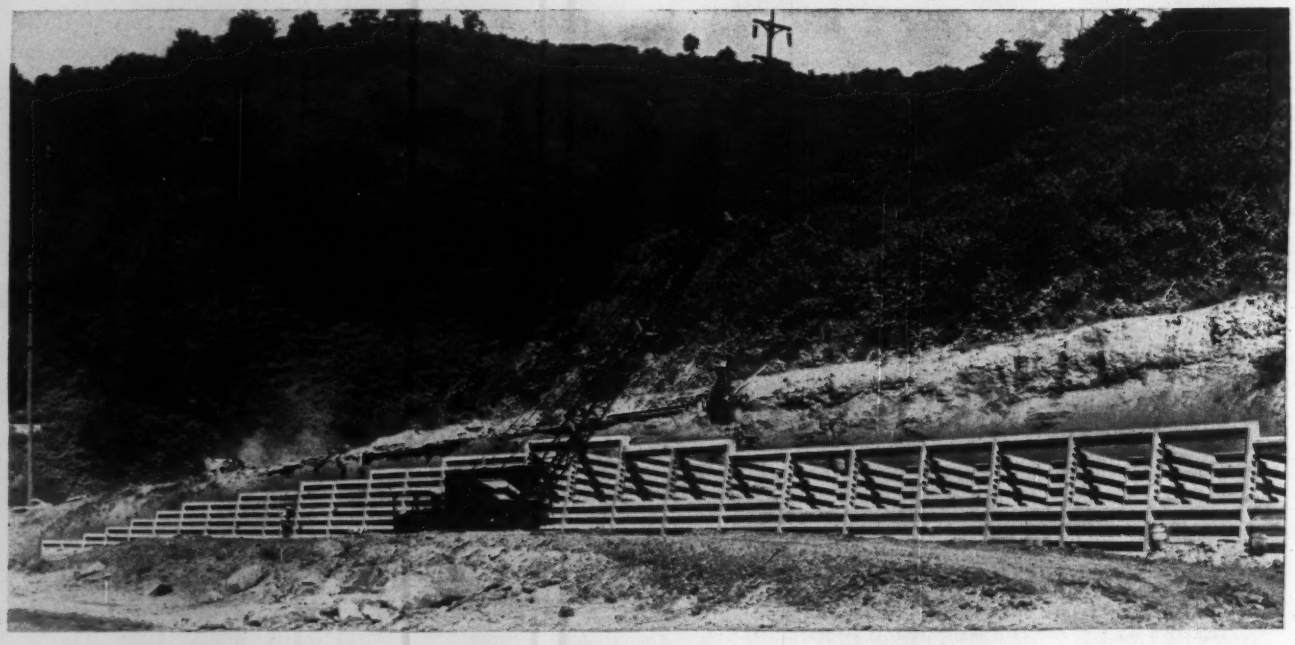

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## WASHINGTON OBSERVER

**Both FHA and VA are getting regular reports from field offices** on the state of housing construction, community-by-community. Washington headquarters of both agencies now get reports on government commitments, and local officials' appraisal of signs of over-building.

**First reports show only minor spots of over-building**—these almost entirely in defense-affected communities such as those near AEC's Savannah River H-bomb factory, and its Portsmouth, Ohio, plant.

**Otherwise, local FHA and VA officers see a solid housing market** with no need at this time for any cutbacks based on Washington directives.

**FHA and VA are giving field officers warning** to be particularly careful of letting local commitments get out of line with the local market.

**As of this week, local officials are in charge** and any tightening will be done by them, not the Administration.

**Bureau of Labor Statistics sticks by its forecast of 1.3 million starts** for housing this year. That's the figure they had last November, despite predictions of 1.4 million or even higher from other sources.

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**Housing officials say that lenders should be the key to any slow-down in housing.** Both local officials and Washington bureaucrats say that the market is sound as long as buyers find lenders willing to advance the money.

**Tightening of housing starts should be left to the control of the market** rather than arbitrary application of restrictions on a nation-wide basis, they contended. Recent steps toward raising interest rates generally would have some effect on mortgage money supply—and it's this kind of tightening that Administration officials prefer to direct action designed specifically to turn down the rate of housing starts.

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**Administration's top officials glow over outlook for solid prosperity** for the rest of the year. A while back, they feared some kind of a slump during the last half of this year.

**Now they're watching for signs of a speculative bubble** in any segment of the economy that might be out of line. They theorize that any such speculation—as perhaps in housing or the stock market—might burst and thereby endanger the whole economy.

**Hence they want to take small actions here and there** as seen necessary. Such as raising the rediscount rate and the margin requirement on stock purchases. Hope is that if these steps work, a general across-the-board clamping down won't be necessary.

**Purpose is to prolong the boom without forcing prices up**—and this is exactly what they see happening.

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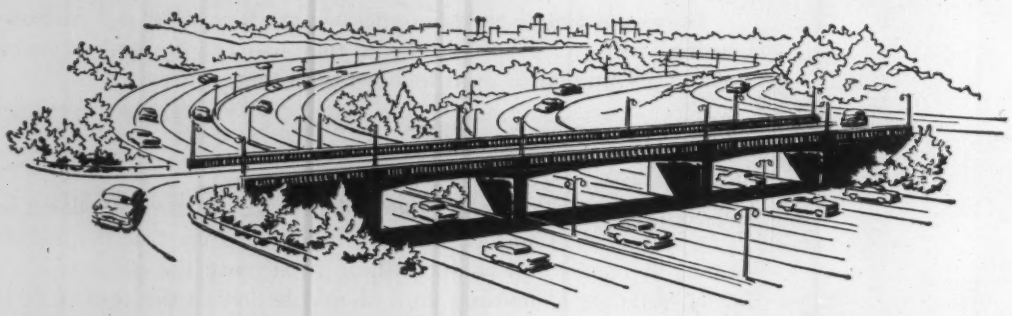
**State and river commission officials are opposing the new anti-pollution law** proposed by the Administration (ENR March 17, p. 21).

**They are opposing proposals to give the federal agencies more power** to act against polluters by taking them to court. Officials from Michigan, Ohio and California, testifying at a hearing held by the Senate public works subcommittee, contended that passage of any federal law tends to reduce state authority and results in less effective action than when states are in control.

**Senators also sharply questioned features of the new law,** indicating they were not inclined to go along 100% with the bill being backed by the Public Health Service.

# Whatever the size of an expanded highway program



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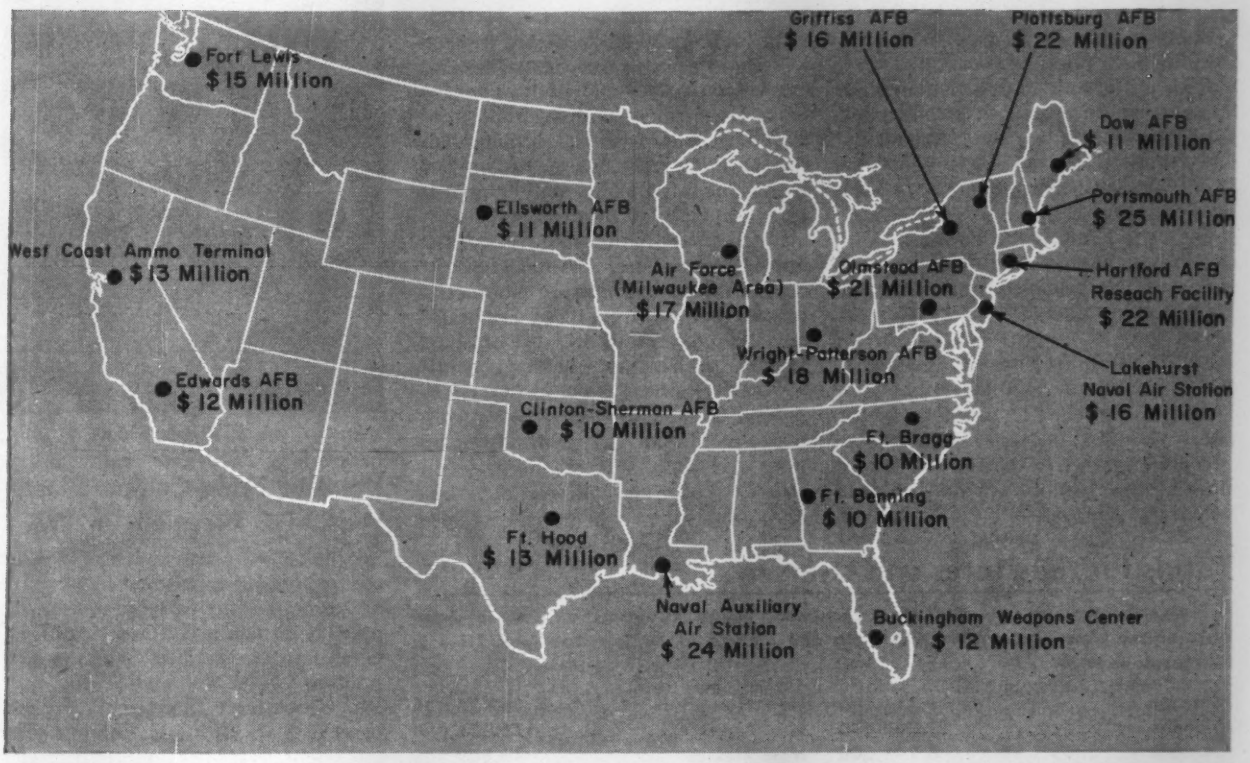


**MAJOR PROJECTS** in the Defense Department's construction planning include these expenditures in the U. S. With smaller jobs and overseas projects they add up to a blueprint for . . .

# A Boost in Military Construction Spending

The Defense Department last week asked Congress to authorize $2.35 billion of new military construction—more than twice the amount requested last year. Congress is sure to approve most of the projects in the bill, including the biggest part of $330 million for family housing.

An appropriation bill for money to carry out the new construction will go to Congress later. The Defense Department hasn't started to write an appropriation bill, but it has a good idea of what the total will be. President Eisenhower in his budget message estimated that $1.9 billion of new money would be needed.

Last year Congress authorized $1 billion of projects and voted $800 million of cash, but the larger amounts this year don't point to a big jump in military construction.

• **Spending to go up**—Actual spending by the military services for construction will probably rise 20% to 25% in the next fiscal year to about $1.7 billion and remain close to that level for another year. Then, spending might drop off to a much lower rate, under present plans. Any change in these plans would be upward, not downward.

The pickup in contract awards for military projects in recent months bears out the prediction of a higher spending rate in the year ahead. Awards are expected to continue in good volume.

Besides authorizing $2.35 billion of new projects, the bill proposes to cancel all unused authorizations—with certain exceptions—made before Oct. 1, 1950. There is no solid figure on what those old proposals amount to, but the total reportedly exceeds $800 million. This would come out of the present Defense Department backlog of $2.1 billion in authorized projects that have never been financed.

At present, the Defense Department has more than $1.5 billion of funded projects that have not yet been placed under contract. This backlog of unobligated funds goes down each month as new projects approach the construction stage.

In its new authorization bill, the Defense Department named 360 projects that it wants to build in 47 states and the District of Columbia. Not named are many additional projects for which authorization is requested.

State dollar totals in the table (see page 22) cover only the named projects. Omitted from these figures are additional large amounts for unidentified projects inside the country, including $173 million for projects in various unnamed locations.

As one explanation for not specifying the sites of these jobs, the Defense Department says that land will have to be bought in some places, and it doesn't want to start real estate speculation in the areas.

Adding this sum to the figures for named projects, the total disclosed construction request for the continental U.S. increases to more than $1.3 billion. Biggest part is for the Air Force. Also included is $56 million for a new building to house the Central Intelligence Agency in or near Washington, D. C.

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## . . . Military construction

• Overseas—For requested overseas authorizations, Defense named 36 locations for more than $150 million of construction but did not specify the sites for projects exceeding $435 million of which only $9 million carried the classified label.

This is the only classified item that appeared in the Defense Department listing. The bill, however, asks nearly $400 million for classified construction. Most of this construction would go to the two older services—$234 million to the Army and $157 million to the Navy. It's anybody's guess how much of the classified work is slated for the U. S., Canada, Alaska or overseas.

Of the family housing requested, $255 million is for 17,000 units in the U. S. Another $75 million is for family housing overseas.

Congress will do better for family housing this year than it did last year when it authorized only $150 million of a $350-million program and then trimmed its appropriation to $75 million. The Defense Department has firm facts to back its housing plea this time, and Congress is more impressed with the need for family quarters to keep trained men in military service.

In fact, nearly all requested projects will stand on stronger factual footing this year than in the past. The Defense Department and the three services have improved the backup data and planning estimates for the projects being presented. They will be able to give the kind of information recommended a year ago by an advisory committee to the Secretary of Defense.

At that time, a construction activities working group of the Secretary's advisory committee of fiscal organization and procedures said that accounting and reporting systems should be revised to give management a complete picture of programming, planning and process for the entire construction program and for each base or station.

## Totals for the States and Overseas

**Projects for which the Defense Department asked authorization fall in every state of the union except West Virginia and include major overseas jobs. Here is the break-down.**

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| Alabama | $ 16,351,000 | New Hampshire | $ 26,426,000 |
| Arizona | 17,767,000 | New Jersey | 29,654,000 |
| Arkansas | 6,293,000 | New Mexico | 16,809,500 |
| California | 124,723,100 | Nevada | 8,307,500 |
| Colorado | 13,075,000 | New York | 46,707,000 |
| Connecticut | 23,196,000 | North Carolina | 33,058,500 |
| Delaware | 7,577,000 | North Dakota | 10,974,000 |
| Florida | 62,592,100 | Ohio | 31,923,000 |
| Georgia | 36,813,000 | Oklahoma | 24,014,500 |
| Idaho | 5,961,000 | Oregon | 2,637,000 |
| Illinois | 10,621,000 | Pennsylvania | 25,318,000 |
| Indiana | 559,000 | Rhode Island | 9,453,000 |
| Iowa | 290,000 | South Carolina | 30,504,000 |
| Kansas | 31,148,500 | South Dakota | 11,246,000 |
| Kentucky | 25,334,000 | Tennessee | 4,979,000 |
| Louisiana | 36,937,000 | Texas | 72,175,000 |
| Maine | 19,421,000 | Utah | 3,607,000 |
| Maryland | 36,332,000 | Vermont | 213,000 |
| Massachusetts | 33,725,800 | Virginia | 63,560,000 |
| Michigan | 15,899,000 | Washington | 32,560,000 |
| Minnesota | 2,623,000 | Wisconsin | 17,827,000 |
| Mississippi | 7,288,000 | Wyoming | 1,355,000 |
| Missouri | 13,259,000 | District of Columbia | 8,396,000 |
| Montana | 10,161,000 | Unspecified locations | 172,972,000 |
| Nebraska | 6,732,000 | | |

**OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES**

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| Alaska | $ 58,526,000 | Mariana Island | $14,996,000 |
| British West Indies | 91,000 | Marshall Islands | 4,411,000 |
| Canal Zone | 5,582,000 | Midway Islands | 1,821,000 |
| Cuba | 4,351,300 | Newfoundland | 8,589,800 |
| French Morocco | 4,807,100 | Okinawa | 43,983,000 |
| Hawaii | 13,890,600 | Philippine Islands | 32,930,100 |
| Iceland | 3,793,000 | Puerto Rico | 5,870,000 |
| Italy | 155,000 | Wake Island | 3,459,000 |
| Japan | 12,182,300 | Unspecified locations | 427,278,000 |
| Johnston Island | 182,000 | Classified locations | 9,104,400 |

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## Head of Fruin-Colnon Dies; Was AGC President in 1931

Albert P. Greensfelder, 75, St. Louis contractor and a national figure in engineering and construction over the past half century, died April 17. Chairman of the Fruin-Colnon Contracting Co. at the time of his death, Mr. Greensfelder had joined the company in 1906 as a construction superintendent. He became its president in 1927.

A civil engineering graduate of Washington University in his home city, he spent the first few years out of college with the St. Louis Terminal R. R. Association. Beginning early a life-long devotion to public service in the interests of civil engineering and construction, Mr. Greensfelder was president of the Engineer's Club of St. Louis in 1914. In 1918 he was president of the old American Society of Engineering Contractors, and from 1925 until 1928 he was a member of the American Construction Council, one of the first organizations to give the construction industry a voice in national affairs.

Long active in the affairs of the Associated General Contractors of America, Mr. Greensfelder was its president in 1931. At the same time and until 1935, he was vice chairman of the Construction League of the United States and chairman of its Construction Code Authority. He later was appointed as vice chairman of the NRA Construction Code Authority.

Mr. Greensfelder also established and endowed the Construction Engineering Prize awarded annually by the American Society of Civil Engineers, of which he was long a member, and an honorary member since 1947.

# Partnership Power

## Electric utilities offer to prepay power costs of multi-purpose dams

The private electric power industry in the Northwest has proposed a plan to get much-needed hydro-power projects built. It's a new twist on the Administration's "partnership program" under which local interests underwrite the cost of the power part of multi-purpose dams and the federal government foots the bill for reclamation and recreation benefits.

The new proposal—already written into a bill introduced by Rep. Sam Coon (R., Oreg.)—would have the utilities advance at the outset of construction the entire cost of the turbines and generators in return for a contract under which the government guarantees delivery of the power the dam will produce.

Portland General Electric, Pacific Power & Light, and Washington Water Power Co. offered the plan as a way to get the $310-million John Day Dam on the Columbia River in Oregon built. They're willing to put up $273 million of the total cost and turn over ownership of the project to the government in return for long-term guarantees of the power it produces. The government's share of costs would run only about $37 million under this plan—yet it will build, own and operate the project.

• **John Day plans are big**—The Corps of Engineers would have charge of the project. It would do the designing and let the contracts. Power capacity would be 1,105,000 kw. There would be 13 generators, each rated at 85,000 kw.

The concrete dam, with a head of about 107 ft, would create a reservoir sufficient to make the Columbia navigable from its mouth to Pasco, Wash.—328 mi. It would store almost a half million acre-ft of water.

The John Day project may usher in a new concept in power project financing. When the Democrats were in the White House, large multi-purpose water projects were financed entirely with federal money.

Under the Republicans for the last two years, there's been a policy of "partnership" in which the Administration has given first crack at power plant construction to local organizations if they are ready and willing to finance such portions of large multi-purpose projects.

• **Authorizations but no construction**—Several partnership projects have been authorized by law in the last two years, but none of them has yet got to the stage where construction is imminent. Those authorized were the 75,000-kw Markham Ferry project, the 1.2-million-kw Priest Rapids project and the 240,000-kw, 5-dam Coosa River project.

Here are some of the key features of the new plan:

• Local utilities, municipalities, public power districts—any organization qualifying as a power distributor—that are willing to put up some money will share in the power benefits in accordance with the size of their contributions. Costs to be met by such contributors are those allocated to power in a multi-purpose project. The government will finance completely those costs allocated to navigation, irrigation, flood control and recreation.

• The non-federal share of costs will be put up at the start. The utilities involved in the John Day plan call this "prepayment of power." That is, they pay a lump sum at the beginning for all the power they expect to get over the lifetime of their contracts.

• If costs should increase, the non-federal participants would foot the bill up to a certain point. That point would be reached when the damsite has been chosen and fully explored. The utilities backing the John Day plan know that once the axis of the dam has been established only unusual circumstances, such as strikes and accidents, could raise costs substantially over reasonably reliable estimates.

## AEC Approves Ebasco For Dixon-Yates Job

The Atomic Energy Commission has approved Ebasco Services, Inc., as architect-engineer and construction management contractor for the $100-million steam electric generating plant that is being built by the Mississippi Valley Generating Co. at West Memphis, Ark.

The decision was made shortly after a settlement was reached between Ebasco and Electric Energy, Inc. on Ebasco's payment for services rendered during construction several years ago of the AEC's electric generating plant at Joppa, Ill. Under the settlement, Ebasco relinquished all net profit from the Joppa job.

AEC noted that Ebasco's role at the MVGC plant would involve no construction work with its own forces. Acting as architect-engineer for MVGC, Ebasco already has completed preliminary work on the plant site which is on the Mississippi flats across the river from Memphis, Tenn.

# Upper Colorado

## Authorization bill wins Senate approval; House won't act before June

Senate passage of the $1.5-billion Upper Colorado storage bill last week turned the spotlight on the House Interior Committee for the next development on the Administration's biggest package of natural resources legislation.

The House irrigation and reclamation subcommittee finished open hearings on the legislation on Friday, but there is little chance of it getting down to consideration of the bill in executive session until June. The interior subcommittees have a full schedule until that time, and since almost every member of the full committee sits as a member of the subcommittee no action can be taken until the committee gets some free time during which to schedule executive sessions.

This committee is where the legislation ran into trouble last year. It was reported out by a bare 13 to 12 vote after 14 days in executive session—only to be turned down in the House because of the controversial Echo Park Dam.

Chairman Clair Engle, Democrat of California, already has served notice that he will oppose Echo Park. He says the House will not accept it and to leave it in the bill would be to invite rejection of the measure.

The projects that stand the best chance of staying in the House bill are the mammoth Glen Canyon Dam and power project and the 11 participating projects, all approved by the Interior Department.

Projects added last year by House or Senate committees that stand good chances of being included are the Flaming Gorge reservoir and power dam on the Green River above the Echo Park site and the Curecanti project in Black Canyon on the Gunnison River in Colorado.

The Senate struck out the Cross Mountain project on the Yampa River in Colorado—a companion project to the Flaming Gorge—and substituted the smaller Junniper project. The House is almost sure to drop Junniper, but there is some question as to whether it will restore the Cross Mountain.

There is a growing feeling among proponents of the project that it may be better to take what can be pushed through Congress this year in order to get the project started than to risk having the entire legislation blocked because of some controversial features.

# Libby Dam Held Up

## IJC defers consideration of U. S. application while Canada studies river use

Proposed construction of the $260-million Libby Dam in Montana has run into an indefinite delay.

Canada is investigating possibilities for use of Kootenay River waters in British Columbia, upstream from the site, that may seriously affect the U. S. project. Until Canada decides what to do, the International Joint Commission is deferring consideration of the U. S. application for the project.

One Canadian proposal would divert part of the Kootenay's flow into the Columbia River at Canal Flats, near the source of the Columbia, to generate more power in Canada. Such diversion is permitted under the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909, but it would substantially reduce the amount of water available for storage and power generation at the Libby site.

Present U. S. plans contemplate an ultimate installation of 800,000 kw at Libby.

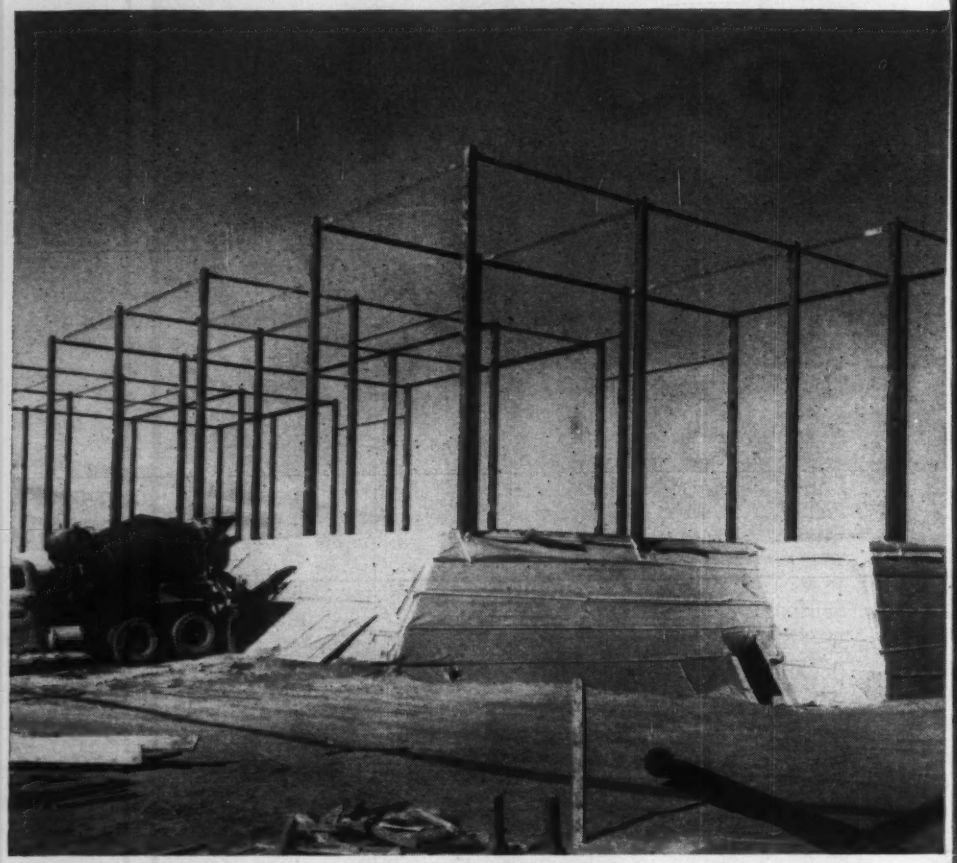
• **Alternate diversion proposals**—Canada is studying all parts of the Columbia River basin north of the international boundary. Alternate possibilities for diversion of the Kootenay are included in the study. Still to be determined are the engineering and the economic feasibility of the various proposals. The investigations will take some time.

Both the Truman and Eisenhower administrations have backed U. S. federal construction of the Libby project.

The present U. S. proposal calls for a dam to be 410 ft high, capable of impounding nearly 6 million acre-ft in a 95-mi reservoir that would extend 42 miles into Canada, to the site of the Bull River Dam proposed by the Canadians.

• **Unsolved problem**—Besides deferring action on Libby the IJC is turning back to the U. S. and Canada its first unsolved problem involving boundary waters.

Years of negotiation have failed to work out a mutually acceptable formula for apportioning the waters of the Waterton and Belly Rivers between the State of Montana and the Province of Alberta (ENR Oct. 5, 1950, p. 25). The commissioners of the two sections of the International Joint Commission are now reporting the impasse to their respective governments.



**COMPACT ENCLOSURE** heated by salamanders made it possible to cast the concrete slabs for the six floors and roof of the buildings in near-zero temperatures.

# Lift-Slabs Hit Record Height

Canadian builders have set a new height record for lift-slab construction in Calgary, Alberta. They lifted the roof slabs for two six-story apartment buildings 64 ft.

The two buildings are among the six structures comprising Rideau Towers. Architect for the job was Peter Caspari, F.R.I.B.A., of Toronto and Calgary; structural engineer was W. V. Zinn & Associates, Ltd. of Toronto with W. V. Sefton as chief engineer; contractor was Bird Construction of Calgary; and Canadian Lift Slab Co. of Winnipeg carried out the lifting.

Each of the buildings is 156x63 ft in plan and contains 56 apartments. The slabs are 8 in. thick and were erected on hollow steel columns 8 and 9 in. square. Columns were composed of two 8x8-in. angles welded together.

The columns were erected with temporary angle bracing at the tops to minimize the unsupported length. Around each column a specially made cast steel collar was provided for lifting each slab and was incorporated in the slab of concrete.

The seven slabs for the six floors and roof of each building were cast one on top of the other on the basement slab, top surfaces being machine-troweled and brushed with liquid wax to prevent sticking. Concreting took place in winter. The lift-slab method proved particularly advantageous in that season because the concrete work could be carried on under a compact, heated enclosure.

Hydraulically operated jacks with threaded rods extending into the collars lifted the slabs into position. Two separate lifts were employed to avoid columns with too great unbraced height.

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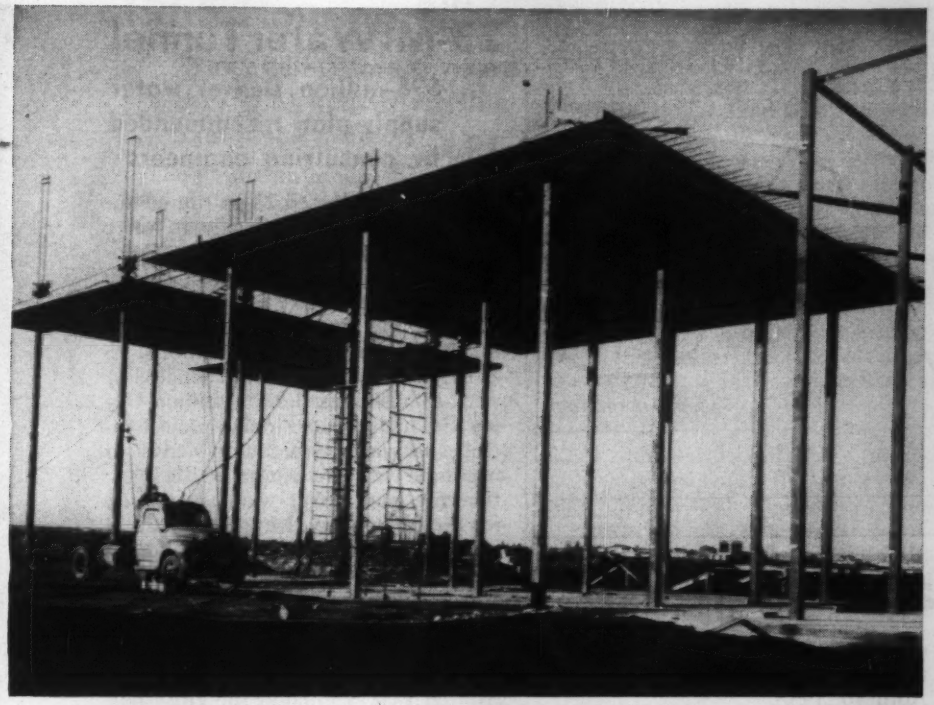
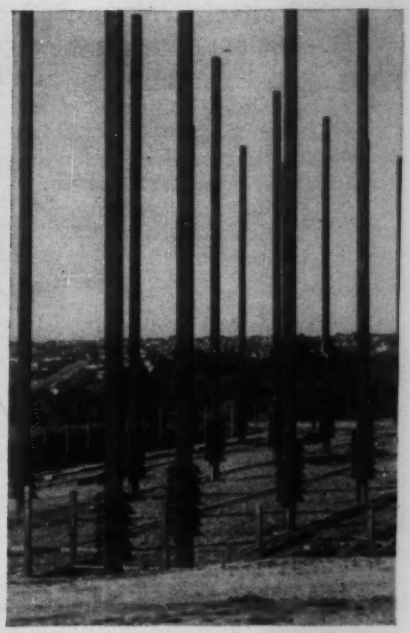
While the third, fourth, fifth floors and roof were parked temporarily at the top of the first 42-ft length of column, the first and second floors were fixed into place. Then, an additional length of 24 ft was welded to each column, and the upper story slabs were raised to their final positions.

The slabs were cast in two sections with 3-ft gaps between. The gaps were filled in when the slabs had been lifted into position. The builders were limited to an 18-column lift because



**ROOF SLAB** stops 42 ft in the air while additional 24-ft lengths are welded on each of the columns.



**COLLARS** of cast steel at the bottom of each column were incorporated into the slab concrete for lifting.

18 jacks currently are the maximum that can be controlled satisfactorily.

When the slabs were in position, the collars and steel plates to form seats for the floors were welded to the columns.

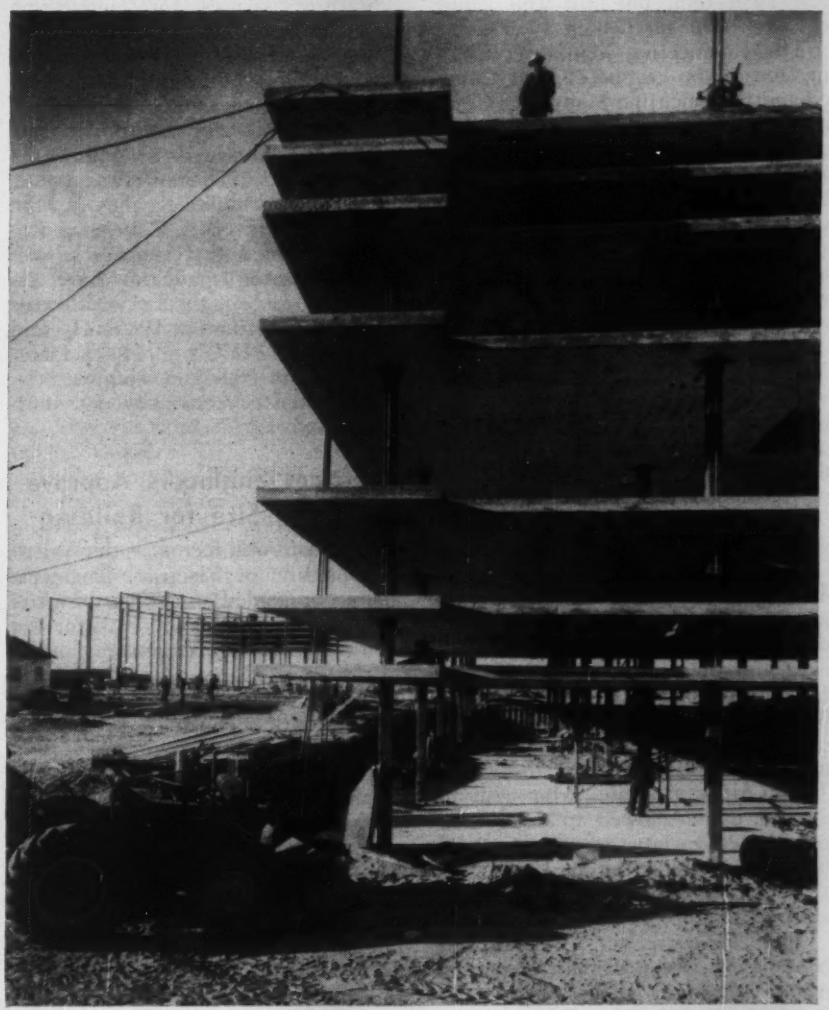
The lift-slab method proved to have important advantages on this job:

- It was fast.
- Formwork was almost entirely eliminated.
- All heating and electrical work was incorporated in the slabs on the ground.
- All concreting was done on the ground, permitting work to be carried on in below-zero temperatures by heating the ground floor area.
- Beams were entirely eliminated giving the architect greater freedom.
- The smooth finish of the slabs eliminated plastering of ceilings.

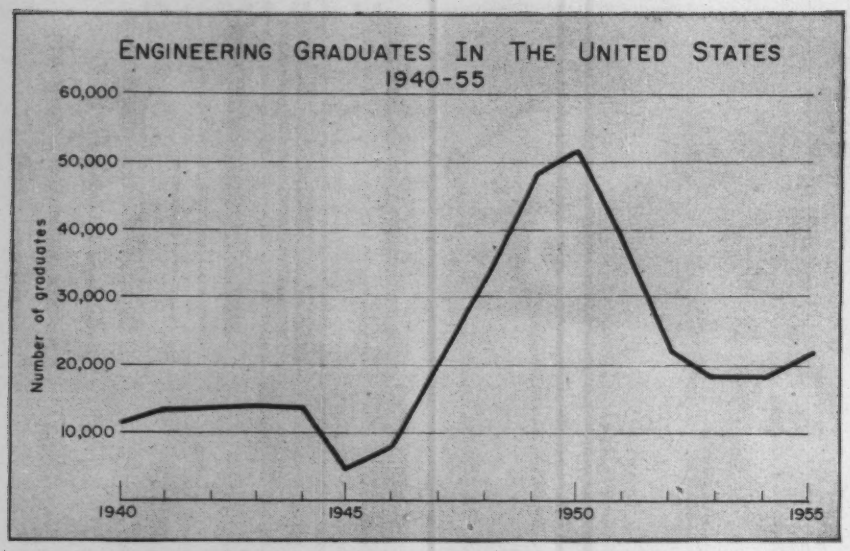
The builders estimate that lift-slab construction saved more than 30% of the cost for the structural work.

From this job, the contractor learned a number of ways to improve efficiency on lift-slab construction.

- All bays should be about the same size because jacks tend to lift smaller bays more quickly than heavier ones.
- It should be possible to lift two or even three slabs at a time.
- It is quicker to park the slabs in contact with each other.
- The cast steel collars are too expensive. Structural engineers say they have devised a collar that will cost only one-third as much.



**UPPER SLABS** were parked 3 ft apart to permit storage of materials while slabs for lower stories were placed in position.




# Engineer Graduates Increase

The number of engineering graduates from U.S. colleges this year will be substantially larger than the very low 1954 total but still well below the peak level reached in 1950.

The Engineering Manpower Commission of the Engineers Joint Council and the Scientific Manpower Commission jointly estimate that 21,569 engineers of all types will be graduated this year from colleges accredited by the Engineers Council for Professional Development.

Last year, a total of 19,707 engineers were graduated. In 1950, there were more than 50,000 engineering graduates.

Civil engineers will account for 3,840 of the 1955 total compared with 3,597 in 1954. Mechanical engineering graduates number 5,250; electrical, 4,835; chemical, 2,050; industrial, 1,290; aeronautical, 730; petroleum, 640; general engineering, 540; metallurgical, 450; architectural, 440; mining, 216; and geological, 210.

Of the 1955 total, about 7,200 or 33% will be ROTC graduates subject to call for active military service on short notice. The Navy will graduate and commission about 1,200 engineers. All will be called to active duty upon graduation.

The Army will graduate and commission 3,000 engineers this year. Those Army graduates who wish to do so will be allowed to defer their call to active duty to some time in the period which begins 12 months after graduation and ends 24 months after graduation.

The Air Force will graduate and commission about 3,000 engineers. About 1,700 will go into flight training, and about 1,300 will be assigned engineering or technical duties. All of these graduates will be called to active duty between May 1, 1955, and April 30, 1956.

Starting salaries for engineering graduates continue to move higher. The Columbia University School of Engineering reports its June graduates are being offered record-high starting salaries of about $400 a month compared with $375 for 1954 graduates and $275 in 1949.

Dean Thorndike Saville of the New York University College of Engineering noted that starting salaries for engineering graduates have increased in each of the last eight years with the exception of 1949. He said a survey of NYU's 1954 graduates showed that graduates employed by private industry received average starting salaries of $378.

## Electrical Engineers Approve Pittsburgh Site for Building

The board of directors of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers has recommended acceptance of a site in Pittsburgh's Schenley Park for the location of the new engineering headquarters.

The recommendation was made at a meeting in St. Petersburg, Fla. It was the first of the five engineering societies which will share the new headquarters building to give formal approval to moving the headquarters away from New York City.

Pittsburgh civic interests have pledged a total of $2 million to help relocate the engineering center there. The most recent addition to the fund was a $500,000 pledge from the Mellon family to be used by the five societies for research (ENR Apr 21, p. 23).

# 23-Mi Water Tunnel

### $98-million Denver water supply plan recommended by consulting engineers

The long-proposed 23-mi tunnel under the Continental Divide to carry water from the Blue River on Colorado's western slope to Denver on the east is the key feature of a $98-million water supply program recommended for the city by consulting engineers.

Legislation passed by the Senate last week to authorize the $1.5-billion Upper Colorado River storage project includes provisions enabling Denver to negotiate with the Bureau of Reclamation for Blue River water now used for power at Green Mountain Dam, a part of the bureau's Colorado-Big Thompson project.

Also, Denver has a suit pending for adjudication of Blue River water rights in relation to the Green Mountain project. This district court action, instituted Feb. 3, follows the city's failure to satisfy its claims before the Colorado Supreme Court last fall (ENR Nov. 4, 1954, p. 28). The city is basing its action on the Colorado River Compact, which specifies that water used for power generation "shall be subservient to use and consumption of such water for agricultural and domestic purposes."

Report on a two-year study by Alvord, Burdick & Howson, Chicago consulting engineers, recommends that work be started under a proposed $70-million bond issue that is expected to be submitted to Denver voters this summer.

The Chicago engineers estimated the tunnel itself would cost $36.6 million, with another $3.4 million for auxiliary facilities. The project would include a diversion dam at Dillon, replacement storage at Williams Park Reservoir and improvements to the channel of the north fork of the South Platte River.

The report to the Denver Water Board also recommended that the city spend $9.2 million for construction of a new filter plant near the mouth of the Platte Canyon east of Kassler Reservoir. This would be built in two units, the first in 1958, and would have a capacity of 2,000,000 gal.

Another recommendation called for an addition to the Moffat filter plant at a cost of $1.5 million. However, contracts for this project already are scheduled to be advertised for bids on May 1.

It would cost another $48 million for construction of mains, distribution lines and improvements to existing facilities.

# 1955 Housing Bill

## New bill provides more flexibility in assisting slum clearance projects

The Administration this week handed Congress a 1955 housing bill that would authorize 70,000 public housing units in the next two years and grease the wheels for government programs of slum clearance, urban renewal and home mortgage insurance.

Top Democrats and Republicans on the Banking Committees of the House and Senate were consulted during the drafting of the bill. Democratic chairmen of the two groups introduced the legislation by request with the comment that they approved most of it.

The President's public housing program has a better chance in this Democratic Congress than it had last year when the two houses compromised on 35,000 units for one year under a tightly restrictive formula. President Eisenhower had asked for authority to start 140,000 in four years.

The restrictions make it almost impossible to complete contracts with local public housing authorities for the authorized units by June 30, the end of the fiscal year. The new housing bill proposes to extend the time limit for another year and to ease the restrictions for the additional public housing that would be authorized: 35,000 units in fiscal 1956 and 25,000 in 1957. A two-year time limit would be granted also for each of those annual quotas.

The bill would modify the present requirement which severely limits new public housing to low-income families displaced by governmental action. Under last year's law, a city has to certify: (1) that it needs the housing for families to be displaced by federally aided slum clearance projects already under way, and (2) that the number of units won't exceed the total of eligible families that cannot be housed elsewhere.

The bill would let the community build public housing units to take care of the full number of low-income families that will be displaced by public improvements, without regard to other housing that might become available. It also would permit public housing in any city that either had started a federally assisted slum clearance project or had obtained federal approval of a workable program for urban renewal.

• **Capital fund increases**—Urban renewal would get a boost, too, by an increase of $400 million in the capital grant fund. This is the money that the federal government uses to pay two-thirds of the net, or write-down, cost to cities for preparing slum clearance and urban redevelopment sites. The $500 million that Congress voted in 1949 is nearly used up.

Another assist would be given to redevelopment projects by a big increase in the mortgage amount that FHA can insure for a private developer under Section 220. The new bill would raise the mortgage ceiling from $5 million to $50 million for a private corporation building apartment housing in slum clearance or urban renewal areas. This is the ceiling at present in effect for public corporations.

For other types of FHA-insured apartment financing, the limit on a single project would be increased from the present $5 million to $12.5 million. This change would reduce the need for questionable splitting of large developments into separate projects.

## HHFA Move Gives Builders Liberal Mortgage Insurance

The Housing and Home Finance Agency last week broadened the money-raising possibilities for private builders in 33 urban redevelopment projects. HHFA gave blanket certification to the 33 projects for liberal FHA mortgage insurance under Section 220 that Congress added to the housing law last year.

Basically, the certification improves the borrowing potential of private redevelopers by increasing the FHA appraisal value of new or rebuilt housing in the project areas. Until now, FHA has had to appraise construction in rundown areas on the basis of the conditions existing in the deteriorated neighborhood.

Under Section 220, FHA can now appraise new and renovated properties on the "favorable assumption" that the community will carry out all the neighborhood improvements to which it is committed in the redevelopment plan.

Builders can get favorable terms under Section 220—up to 95% of the first $9,000 on family units. The mortgages, too, can carry long maturities on both apartment houses and single-family homes.

All of the first 33 projects to be certified had contracted for federal aid or received federal approval for slum clearance and urban redevelopment under the 1949 law that offered such assistance to cities and towns. Several additional projects soon will be certified, and many more will be declared eligible as HHFA and FHA complete detailed studies of projects on the books.

## Chicago Will Invite Bids On Six Miles of Tunnels

On May 20, the Chicago Department of Public Works will accept bids for the construction of 31,880 ft of 16-ft and 20-ft dia tunnels, plus 450 ft of smaller tunnels, seven workshafts and one bypass structure.

The tunnels are part of the Windy City's $85-million program to build its 950-mgd central district filtration plant in Lake Michigan just north of Navy Pier (ENR June 3, 1954, p. 23). They will connect the filtration plant with existing Chicago Ave. and Wilson Ave. tunnels and pumping stations.

The tunnel construction is divided into three sections. Qualified contractors will be permitted to bid on any one section, combination of sections or on all three. One 80-ft length of 16-ft tunnel and 250 ft of 8-ft tunnel will be in clay. All other tunnel construction will be in rock.

No estimate of the cost of constructing the three tunnel sections is available. The total amount of bid-deposit required for all three sections, however, is $385,000.

Low bids submitted in August 1953, for the 6 miles of tunnels and similar appurtenances totaled $14.8 million (ENR Sept. 3, 1953, p. 23). Contracts were not awarded, however, because the city's right to build a filtration plant at Navy Pier was being questioned in the courts.

## Bids Called for First Unit Of Cowlitz River Project

Bids for construction of the Mayfield hydroelectric dam and powerhouse on the Cowlitz River, the $45-million first unit of a proposed $146-million development, have been called by the Tacoma, Wash., Board of Contracts and Awards for opening May 27.

Work will consist of constructing a concrete arch dam with gravity wings and thrust blocks. The dam will be 185 ft high, 850 ft long and have a 205-ft spillway, a powerhouse, two tunnels, forebay and penstocks.

The powerhouse, a few hundred feet downstream from the dam, will be 110x270-ft, with a reinforced concrete substructure and a steelframe and concrete superstructure.

One 25-ft unlined tunnel, 600 ft long, will divert the river during construction. A 37-ft lined tunnel will extend 850 ft from the reservoir to a forebay which will be excavated in solid rock above the powerhouse.

The Mayfield reservoir will extend 13 mi. upstream to Mossyrock, where a second dam will be constructed under a later contract.

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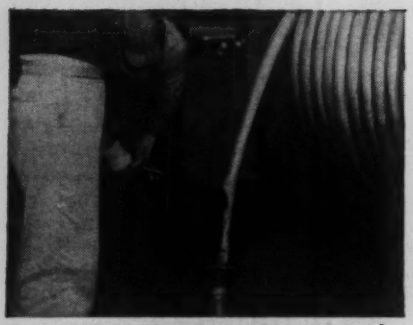

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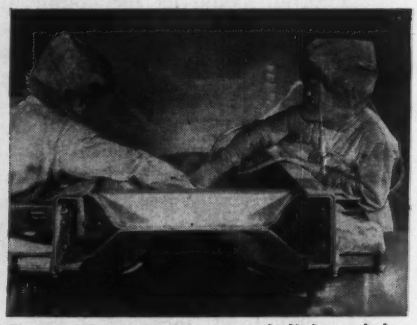

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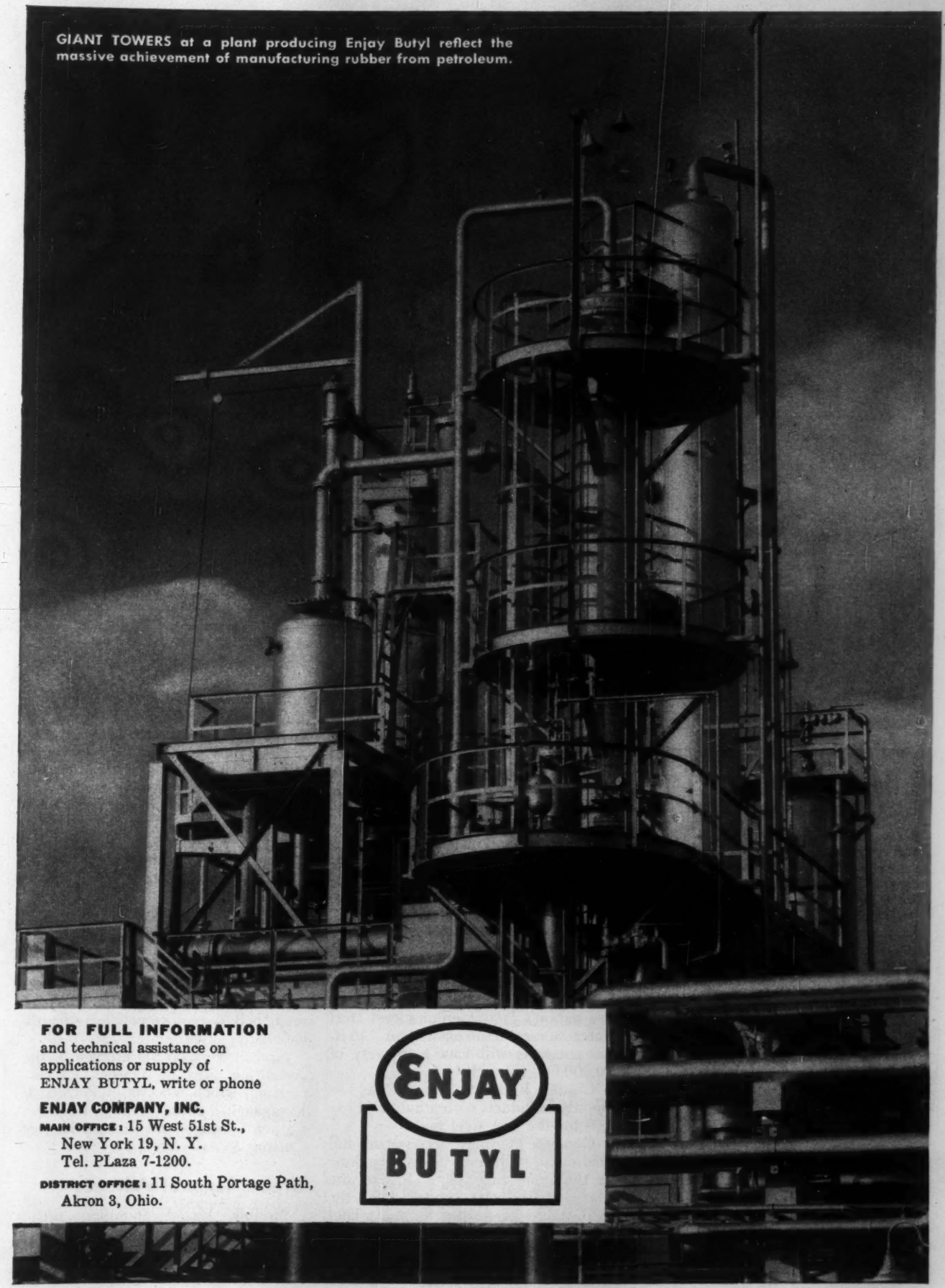

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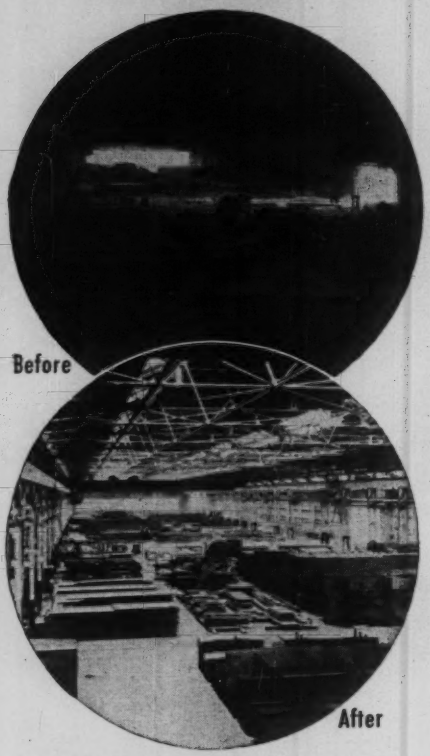


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# CITY BY CITY

## Leap Frog Skyscraper

**New York City**—The steel frame of a 25-year-old, 10-story building at 625 Madison Avenue will be utilized for construction of a 17-story, aluminum-faced skyscraper.

Fifteen stores occupying the ground floor of the existing structure carried on as usual when work on the $12-million building began last week. Reconstruction of their quarters to conform to the architectural requirements of the new structure won't start until the 16 floors above have been substantially completed.

The project, due to be completed in February 1956, also will have a novel public relations angle. In place of the conventional sidewalk bridge with its high board enclosures, a gala promenade will be created on the three street sides of the building (Madison Avenue, East 58th and 59th Streets). Sidewalks will be canopied, sidewalk cafe style, with candy-striped poles and fluorescent lighting.

The new building, which will provide 400,000 sq ft of space, will have an aluminum facade with continuous windows on the three street sides. The building will be equipped with air conditioning, with individual office control of both heating and cooling.

By using the existing steel frame, which was designed originally for later additions anyway, owners are not bound by new zoning regulations requiring a greater setback and thus will be able to realize a sizable gain in floor space.

This will be the third tall office building to be erected on Madison Avenue by the owners, Moses Ginsberg & Sons. Diesel Construction Co. is general contractor, and Sylvan Bien, architect, both of New York.

## Ground-Level Reservoirs

**Spokane, Wash.**—Construction will begin in May on the first of two of the nation's largest ground-level steel water storage reservoirs. The 240-ft-dia reservoirs will have a capacity of 10,000,000 gal each.

Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. was low among six bidders with a bid of $173,930 for the first steel tank.

Concrete footings, access road and grading for both reservoirs will be done at the same time on a 20-acre site north of the city limits. But, the second reservoir will be built at a later date.

Tre reservoirs will serve a burgeoning residential district covering approximately 40% of the city's population. They are calculated to raise domestic water pressure to approximately 40 psi from a present weak pressure system that often barely trickles during the summer lawn-sprinkling season.

Reservoirs will be filled from city wells by pumping stations, but will deliver water to homes by gravity flow. The location is at an elevation on what is called Five-Mile Prairie lying above the northside residential area.

To serve the reservoirs, the city plans a new $260,000 northside pumping station, plus a $30,000 booster station for the existing system and installation of new 30-in. steel water mains to serve the domestic system.

The reservoir is being built with Water Division funds, which have been built up by a rate increase adopted five years ago to create a reserve fund for expansion and improvement of water supply facilities.

## Subway Project Cleared

**Cleveland, Ohio**—A test case ruling by the Ohio Supreme Court has cleared the way for Cuyahoga County to finance and build a downtown subway "loop" so that the Cleveland Transit System can operate its lines more profitably. Voters last year approved a $35-million bond issue for the project.

The proposed "loop" would tie in with the Shaker Heights rapid transit line and with the new east-west line, the eastern section of which was completed last month (ENR Oct. 8, 1953, p. 211).

Present lack of an efficient downtown distribution system is held chiefly responsible for CTS carrying about one-third the anticipated passengers on its newly opened line.

It is estimated that it will take about a year to determine the most feasible route for the proposed new connection. Also, possibilities of a conveyor belt system or moving sidewalk have been discussed.

Now at work on the problem is the consulting firm of Praeger-DeLeuw-Cutting, which consists of Praeger & Kavanaugh, New York; DeLeuw, Cather, Chicago, and Richard Hawley Cutting & Associates, Cleveland.

## Urban Renewal Advance

**Norfolk, Va.**—A $6-million urban renewal program, covering an irregularly shaped 98-acre area of slums and blight, has been pushed into the

final planning stage by action of the City Council.

Proposed traffic improvements highlight the face-lifting program envisioned for the west side target area, near downtown. Among the chief goals of the planning to be conducted by the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority are:

- Provision for location of an arterial highway connecting Hampton Blvd. with Brambleton Ave. and other thoroughfares. (Hampton Blvd. is the principal route to the Norfolk Naval Base. Brambleton Ave. is a main cross-town thoroughfare.)
- Re-use of 28 acres for the expansion of light industry and commercial development.
- Reclaiming of six acres along the Hague, a waterway, for waterfront park and recreation areas.
- The taking of 15 acres adjacent to Norfolk General Hospital for a future medical center.

## Super Inspection Service

**Oakland, Calif.**—A new department that would embrace the inspection functions of the building, electrical and health departments, is subject of an ordinance now before the City Council. Permit, license and inspection services would be centralized under the proposed plan. And, the new department would handle administration of the city's urban renewal program, riding herd on efforts to upgrade substandard housing.

## Code Coordination

**Columbia, S. C.**—Columbia and five of its suburbs are discussing the possibility of creating a metropolitan planning commission to pave the way for a coordinated approach to the city's growth.

Officials of the six municipalities—Columbia, Eau Claire, Cayce, West Columbia, Forest Lake and Forest Acres—met last week to discuss the feasibility of regulating building in all of the localities under a single code.

## Shipping Terminal

**San Diego, Calif.**—Construction of a $9.5-million shipping terminal, with space for berthing eight to 10 vessels, has received voter approval. The Tenth Avenue terminal, a three-year project, will include two dockside transit sheds of 200,000 sq ft each, and 68 acres of paved open storage area.

The bond issue as approved by the voters will finance extensive dredging of San Diego Bay in the vicinity of the terminal, utility installations and access roads.


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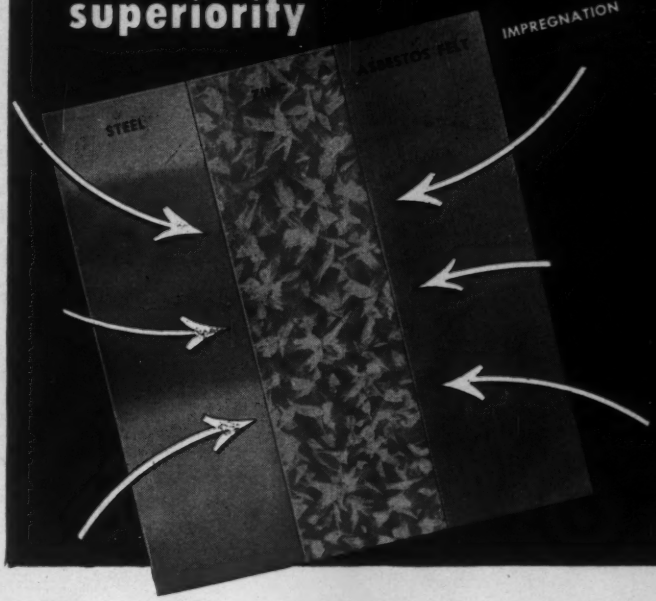


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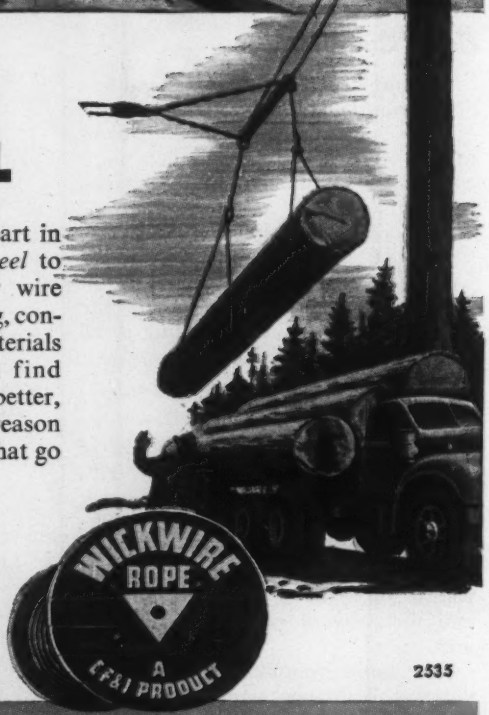


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PLYWOOD AND METAL team up to serve as inexpensive formwork for floors and roof of Hartford, Conn., building.

# Low-Cost Concrete Parking Garage

A 6-story, pitched-floor reinforced concrete garage, of the open-ramp type, with caisson foundations, has been constructed in Hartford, Conn., at a cost of only $4.30 per sq ft. Of beam-and-slab construction, it was built in less than eight months, three months ahead of schedule.

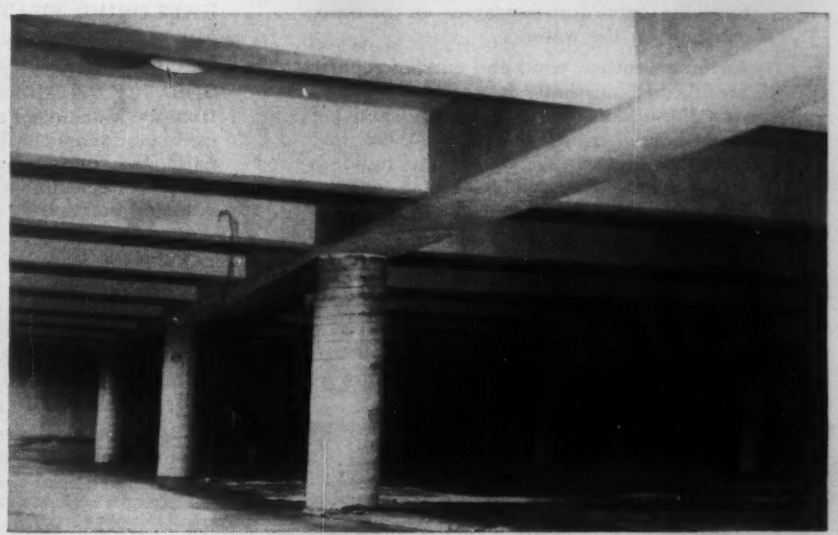
Key to the rapid, lowcost construction of this building was the manner in which plywood and metal forms were combined for the floor system and the use of paper forms for the 20 to 30-in. dia columns.

The $1,558,000 garage has a capacity of 1,015 cars. It is roughly 370x 187 ft in plan. The design includes three passenger elevators, a sprinkler system for the 59,000-sq ft basement floor, and a reservoir parking area on the first floor for 24 cars. Aisles are 25 ft wide. Minimum stall width is 8 ft 4 in., the average 8 ft 8 in. Ramps have a maximum grade of 5%. Floor area per car averages 340 sq ft.

The reinforced concrete framing was designed to simplify formwork. Forms for the 5-in. floor slabs (including 1-in. finish) were made of full 4x8-ft plywood sheets, with ½-in. allowance for stripping at the beams, which were spaced 8 ft 1 in. apart. Forms for the 14x28½-in. beams were 14-ga metal. These were made by bending 5-ft-wide sheets, eliminating cutting of the metal. Producing a surface that required little additional finishing, the metal forms were re-used as many as 20 times, and they still are good.

Floors were designed for 80 psf, the roof for 100 psf live load. The roof is topped with membrane waterproofing and a 1½-in. separate, reinforced finish. The design called for 2,000-psi concrete in the caissons and 3,000-psi concrete in most of the rest of the structure, with 3,750-psi concrete in a few highly loaded columns in the bottom stories. The mix contained a diatomaceous admixture with pozzolanic and air-entrainment properties. The engineers claim the admixture made it possible to use 5½ bags of portland cement per cubic yard for the 3,000-psi concrete, with a 20% field margin over laboratory tests.

The parking garage was designed by the architectural department of the City of Hartford under the direction of Daniel Tasillo, with the Ramp Garage Co., New York City, as consultant. A. J. Macchi, Hartford, was the consulting structural engineer. B. Perini & Sons, Framingham, Mass., was the general contractor.



CONCRETE COLUMNS were cast in relatively cheap paper forms.

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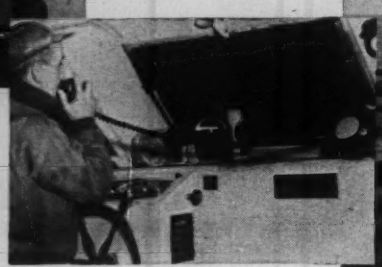

*Boats are radioed orders from shore, saving travel time.*

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Tying in all the working forces building the giant 5-mile bridge across the Straits of Mackinac was a big task, but 38 Motorola 2-way radio units did the job successfully.

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SMOOTH RIDING is a characteristic of the two 30-ft wide pavements of the Raritan River Bridge on the Garden State Parkway.

# Smooth Decks Through Well-Planned Concreting


**Harry A. Hartmann**
**Construction Engineer**
**New Jersey Highway Authority**
**Red Bank, N. J.**


The public judges bridges by their decks. If the deck rides well, the builders are considered to have done a good job; if it rides poorly, the builders are condemned.

Yet too many bridge decks, especially on some of the highway projects built recently under pressure to get the new facility into service do not have good riding qualities.

That fact was taken into consideration early in the planning for the Raritan River Bridge on the Garden State Parkway in New Jersey, largest of the nearly 300 structures on that 163-mile project. Thinking about how to produce a smooth riding deck began when the steelwork was being designed, continued during steel erection, and did not end until the inspectors permitted the curing compound to be sprayed on the finished concrete pavement.

• **Nearly a mile long**—The Raritan River Bridge is a deck-girder structure 4,386 ft long, made up of 29 spans ranging from 86 ft to 250 ft, the latter being in the main river crossing. It has two 30-ft wide concrete roadways separated by a raised 5-ft dividing median and with outer walks 1-ft, 10-in. wide. Sidewalks and median are surfaced with open grating. The maximum grade is 4%.

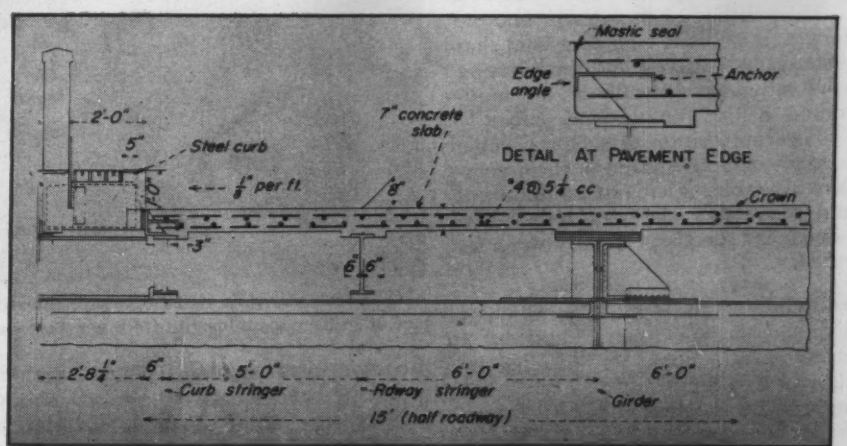
Normal thickness of the one-course deck slab is 7 in., but the slab is deepened to 8 in. over the stringers. Total area of the slab is nearly 30,000 sq yd.

Each roadway has a 2-in. straight center-line crown. Cross drainage is over the slab edges through continuous curb openings.

There are no interior longitudinal joints. Transverse joints are of four types: Expansion joints of the finger type in the continuous spans; open expansion joints (1¼-in. clear opening) in the simple spans; one-inch cork flexure joints with copper seal in the bottom half-depth of the continuous spans; and construction joints having perforated copper seals of 1½ in. below

## A Typical Yard of Concrete

**Coarse aggregate,** ¾-in. trap rock (49% voids), 1,980 lb dry, spec. gr. S.S.D., 2.83
**Sand,** 1,123 lb dry, spec. gr. S.S.D., 2.62
**Cement,** Type 2 portland, with an air-entraining agent added at the rate of 3.5 oz per cu yd, 7.2 bags per cu yd
**Water,** 4.6 gal per bag or 33 gal per cu yd
**Air,** 4% average
**Slump,** 3 in. average
**Sand-aggregate ratio,** 38%




HALF SECTION through one roadway. The top of the steel curbs provided a track for the vibrator screed, while the edge angle served as a form for outer edges.

the surface, with reinforcing steel passing through the joint.

• **Steel must be set accurately**—The importance of accurate detailing and erection of the structural steel as a factor in obtaining good riding qualities on the deck of a bridge cannot be overemphasized. In the design of the structural-steel members it is very important that thought be given to facilitating deck construction, and that any features that might aid this should be incorporated in the original design.

On this bridge the stee curbs were planned to serve as supports and as a fixed guide for the deck screed. Together with the edge angles they also provided the basis for the longitudinal profile of the deck.

During steel erection, inspectors checked the setting of the steel in the field for the specified spacing and elevation because inaccuracies in that work could necessitate altering the finished grade of the pavement if the specified thickness is maintained. Such a condition could result in an unsatisfactory riding surface.

If inaccuracies are found, it may be necessary to shim and reset the structural members in the field to take care of them. The detailing and placing of the reinforcement and accessories also should be checked for size, spacing and clearance.

• **Concrete deck specifications**—Specifications of the New Jersey Highway Authority are patterned after those of the New Jersey State Highway Department. For concrete they specify mix proportions by dry loose volumes, which are based on the dry loose unit weight of aggregates.

The amount of aggregates will vary with the volume of voids in the loose coarse aggregate. Such voids equal 90% of the sand volume. Basic mixes, set up on the basis of 45% voids in the coarse aggregate, are adjusted to meet job conditions.

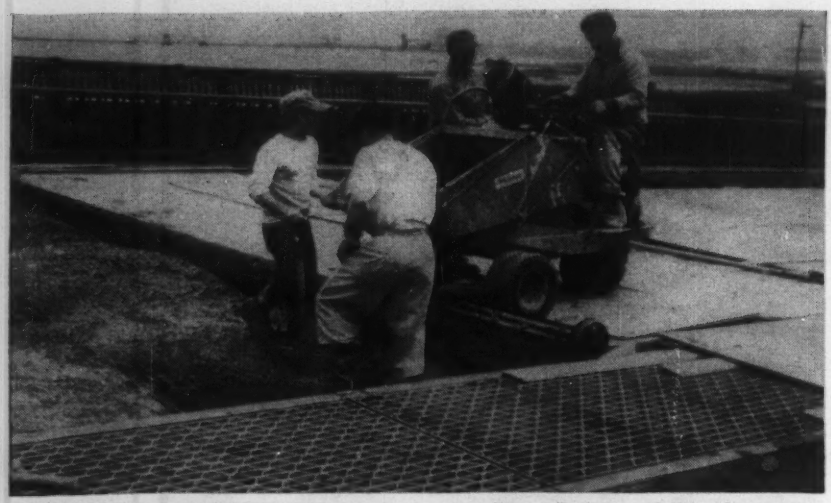
This method of mix design in New Jersey is of long standing and has worked out very well, and the resulting sand ratios are generally at the minimum.

The composition of a typical cubic yard of concrete is given in the accompanying table. That mix composition and consistency was uniformly maintained and excellent results were secured.

• **Concreting the deck**—Concrete was obtained in transit-mix form from a nearby plant. Some was handled by elevator to a hopper at deck level, but most of it was delivered directly to gas-driven concrete buggies on the bridge.

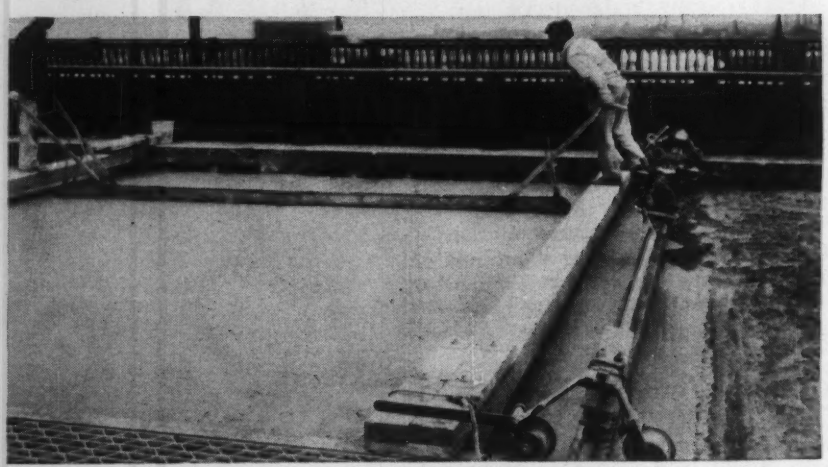
These buggies dumped into the forms from rolling platforms ahead of the paving area where the concrete was spread by hand shovelers.

Next step was to pull a vibrator screed over the fresh concrete, always maintaining a uniform amount of concrete in front of the screed. This screed had a bearing surface 6 in. wide and weighed about 700 lbs. It was equipped with four roller wheels which moved on top of the steel curb on each side of the roadway, screeding to the level of the top of the edge

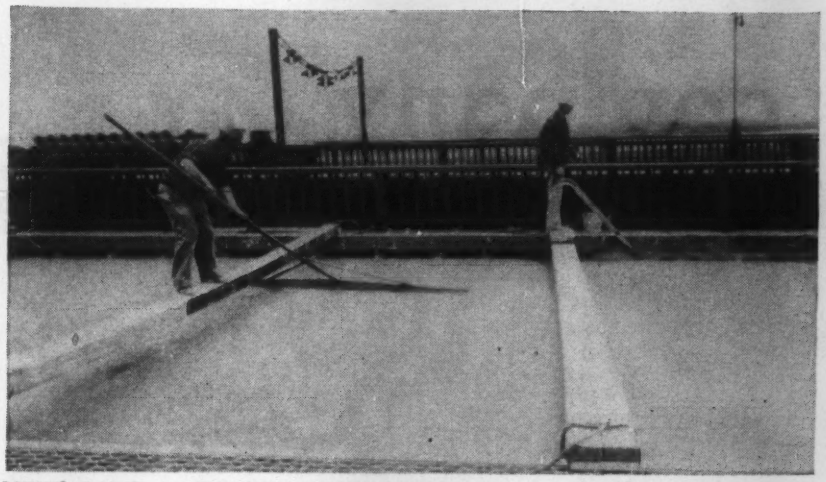


**POWER DRIVEN BUGGIES** operating on rolling platforms delivered concrete.

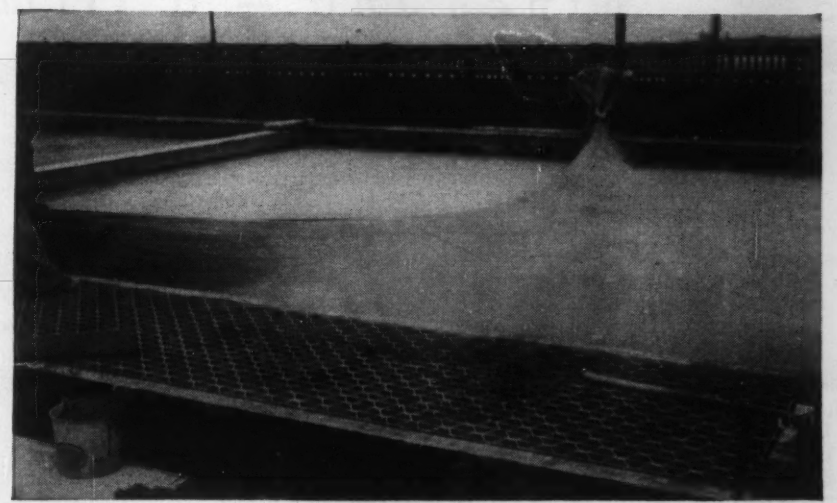
**A VIBRATOR SCREED**, rolling on the top of the steel curb, consolidated the mix.



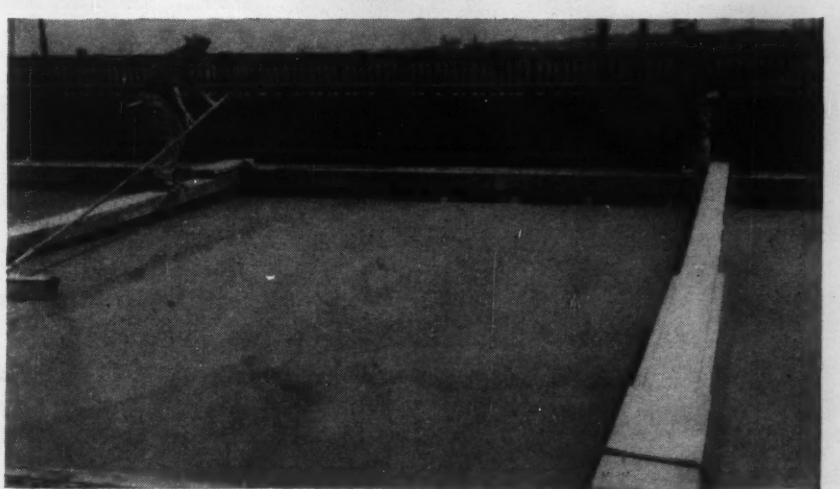
**ANY TRANSVERSE RIDGES** were removed with a longitudinal float operated from a pair of bridges spanning the fresh concrete pavement.



NEXT CAME A SCRAPING STRAIGHTEDGE that was worked transversely over the surface in two passes.



A WET BURLAP DRAG was pulled longitudinally over the surface at the proper time.



FINAL TEXTURE was obtained with a broom having 5-in. long fiber bristles.

angles. Generally, this screed was operated on the 4% down grade. It did an excellent job of spreading and consolidating the mass.

The surface was then gone over transversely using a 16-ft longitudinal float 10-in. wide of metal channel section equipped with plow handles and operated by hand from a pair of timber bridges spanning the pavement. The use of a longitudinal float is considered essential to smooth riding.

A 10-ft wood scraping straightedge subsequently was worked transversely across the surface with the handle lowered for the forward movement and raised for backward pull over the same path. Both float and straightedge were advanced one-half length for each move along the pavement.

The scraping straightedge also is considered a must for all road or bridge paving.

Third finishing step was pulling over the surface a wet burlap drag consisting of double thickness without seams and about 42 in. wide. This produced a surface texture that often is used as final finish, but in this case the desired surface texture was obtained by use of broom 32 in. long having two rows of 5-in. fiber bristles and operated from edge to edge of pavement. Very satisfactory results were secured by this means.

• **Surface evenness**—Careful straightedging was performed throughout and particular care was taken at all joints to secure the best riding qualities. Any transitions were carried out on long lines so they could not be seen or felt.

The net result is a concrete surface on this nearly mile-long structure which is considered as nearly perfect as can be constructed. Also, in securing this surface there was no fuss, bother or holdup. There was close cooperation between all forces concerned. The contractor and the engineers are to be congratulated on a big job well done.

• **Construction costs** – The total amount of the several contracts on this structure, including those for material purchased by the authority, is $10,346,210 of which the deck paving, including reinforcing steel, and other items, is $587,852. This amounts to $104.50 per cu yd or $20.10 per sq yd.

• **Personnel**—The Raritan River Bridge was built by the New Jersey Highway Authority, for which Harold W. Griffin is chief engineer. The author supervised construction for the authority.

Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall & Macdonald are general consultant for the authority on the parkway, and Morris Goodkind, chief bridge engineer of the New Jersey State Highway Department, serves as consultant on bridges.

D. B. Steinman was consulting engineer on this bridge project, with R. M. Boynton and Carl H. Gronquist as project engineers and John G. O'Donnell resident engineer.

The Brookfield Construction Co. was contractor for the deck paving, with John Sorensen superintendent in charge of the construction.

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# Earth Compacts Earth for Cathedral Base

After using an ancient technique to provide proper foundation conditions, builders are now at work on the construction of a new Catholic cathedral in Baltimore.

The technique is the use of an earth surcharge—in this case a mound 30 ft high, 120 ft long and 70 ft wide—to compress subsoil strata to minimize possibility of differential settlement between the cathedral's massive stone towers and the remainder of the structure.

The cathedral itself is unusual in that it will be entirely a masonry structure. To be built of a base course of granite faced inside and out with limestone, the structure will be 375 ft long, and have a width of up to 94 ft in the nave section. The two stone towers will be 133 ft high, the nave section 80 ft.

• **Problem**—Soil investigations on the hilltop site of the cathedral (The Cathedral of Mary, Our Queen) indicated that the formation is a disintegrated micaceous rock, of varying degrees of disintegration and depth. Further, it was clear from test borings and load tests that the soil is compressible, consolidating almost immediately on application of load, and rebounding less than half when the load is removed.

Working with Prof. Arthur Casagrande of Harvard University, architects Maginnis and Walsh and Kennedy of Boston estimated that if the building were built directly on the subsoil without preparation, the settlement of the towers would be about twice that of the rest of the structure.

• **Solution**—Turning to a technique used for many centuries for bridge approach fills, port facilities and highways, the designers decided to use earth surcharge. So far as can be determined, the method hasn't been used before for a building in Baltimore, and Harry W. Oldfield, project superintendent for Turner Construction Co. —prime contractor—says its the first time in the 52 year history of his firm that such a surcharge was built up for a building.

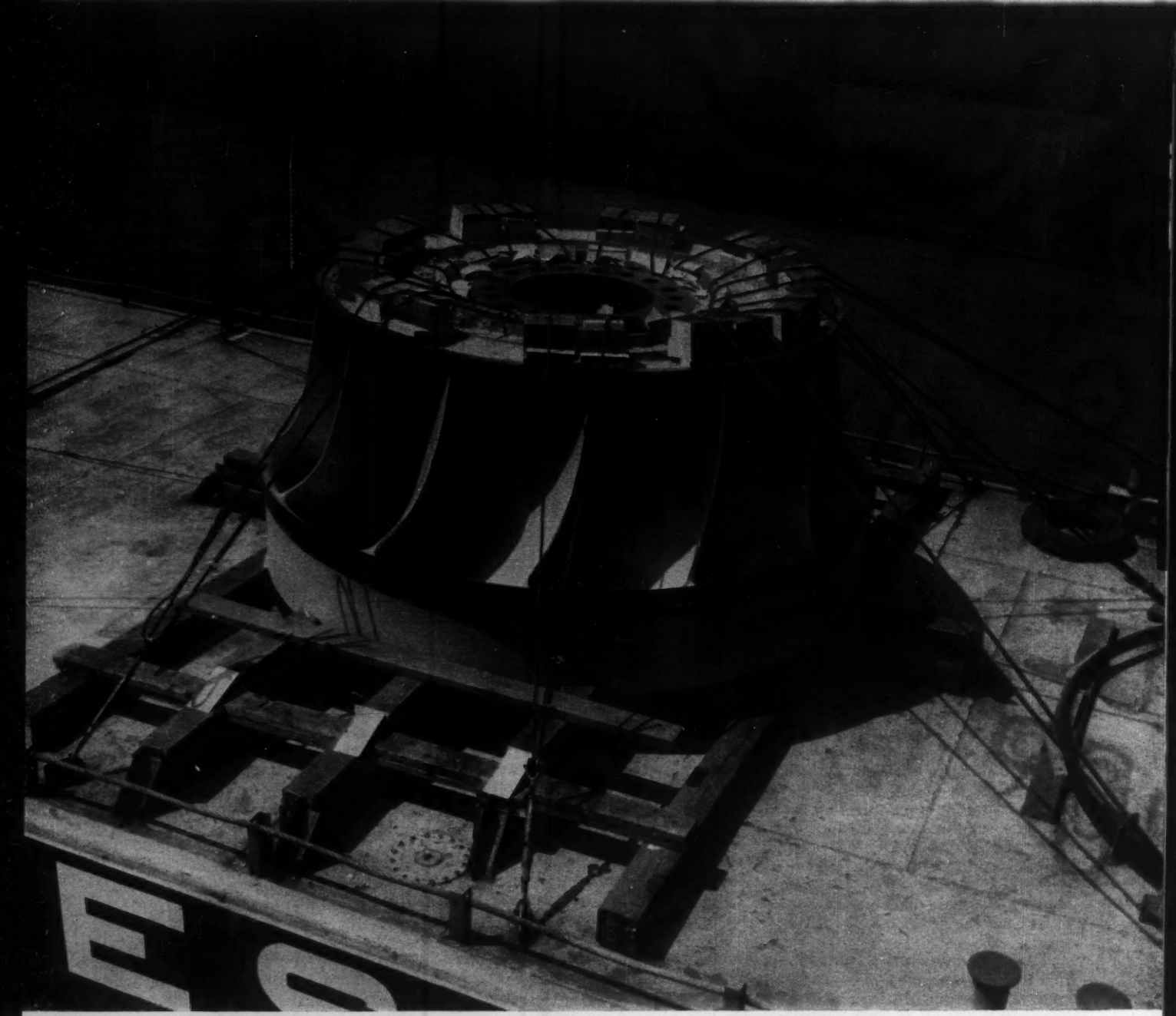
**STONE TOWERS will loom 130 ft atop hill site, dominating structure.**

At direction of the designers, then, the big mound of earth, containing 26,000 cu yd excavated from other portions of the 23-acre site, was heped up within specified limits. It was computed that the mound, plus some 17 ft of subsoil, would produce a bearing pressure of four tons per square foot, and a settlement of about ½ in.

In this compressed area, the builders will found the towers on a mat of concrete 60 ft by 115 ft, consisting of 1,300 cu yd of material some sections of which will be five to seven ft thick, or a depth of 17 ft below original ground level.

• **Details**—The contract was awarded to Turner last August, with completion set for 1959. Potts & Callahan, Baltimore, hold a subcontract for grading and erection of the surcharge mound. (The surcharge was removed after remaining in place undisturbed for a full month—earth used for it being placed as fill for parking areas in the rear of the cathedral.)

Seating 1,900 persons, the cathedral will be set back 250 ft from Charles Street in northern Baltimore. In addition to the towers and the main worship area, there will be extensions for four chapels, a baptistry and sacristy. Roof over the nave section will be supported by 13 stone arches on 21 ft 4 in. transmitting load to reinforced concrete walls and continuous spread footings.



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Because of their size, these runners had to be shipped by inland waterways from Baldwin's Eddystone Division plant near Philadelphia. The photo shows the first runner being readied for shipment to the Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, flood control and power generating project. It was transported on this barge up the Hudson River to the Erie Canal and across the Great Lakes to Superior, Wisconsin. A special railway car built by Baldwin carried it the rest of the way to Garrison Dam on the Missouri River near Riverdale, North Dakota.

*A new bulletin* on Baldwin and Pelton hydraulic turbine developments has just been printed. If you'd like a copy, please write to Dept. 5209, Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corporation, Philadelphia 42, Pa.

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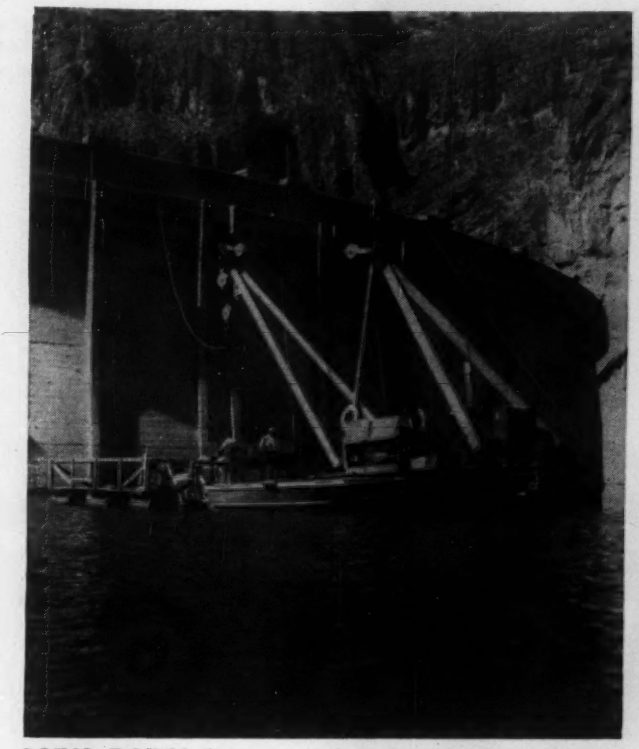
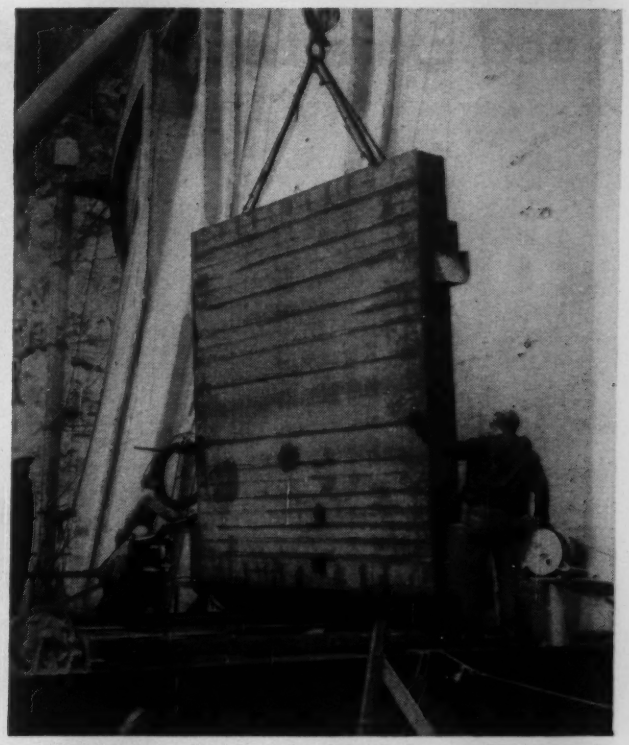




**GOING DOWN—Barge-mounted rig behind Arizona irrigation dam (left) lowers eight-ton steel bulkhead to seal off penstock for repair operation that involved re-aligning penstock plates.**

# Bulkheads Solve Penstock Repair Problem

How to end leakage in penstocks without losing water or interrupting operations—and do it for $80,000—was the problem that faced engineers of the Salt River Power District at its Horse Mesa Dam 65 miles northeast of Phoenix, Ariz. They have just completed the job within the price limit set.

Study ruled out draining the reservoir because of loss of water and electricity generation. So the power district's engineering staff designed two bulkheads that could be slipped down the upstream face of the dam to seal off two of the penstock intakes, leaving a third in operation and to be repaired subsequently.

The bulkheads were fabricated of 12 in. wide-flange beams welded together, with the ends sealed off with steel plates, and the edges equipped with rubber gaskets to provide an effective water seal. They were designed to slide between the trash screen guides. Each bulkhead weighed about eight tons.

• **Floating base**—To handle the job of removing the badly eroded trash screens and then placing the bulkheads, the district called in the Vinson Construction Co. which had recently completed a job on the Colorado River where it used a sectionalized steel barge as a floating base of operations. This barge, cut into sections of 5x5x7 ft, was moved by land from the Colorado to Horse Mesa reservoir, and reassembled. Working from this platform, the contractor removed the corroded 18x24-ft penstock trash screens and then lowered the bulkheads 200 ft to the penstock openings near the base of the dam.

Interior inspection showed 165 rivets that had to be removed and replaced in each penstock, and there was, in addition, about 400 ft of repair welding to be done on both pipes. Poor plate alignment, which permitted water to seep past the rivets, was revealed as the original cause of the corrosion. In the repair work, defective holes were reamed from the original 1⅛ in. to 1¼ in. or larger before new rivets were driven.

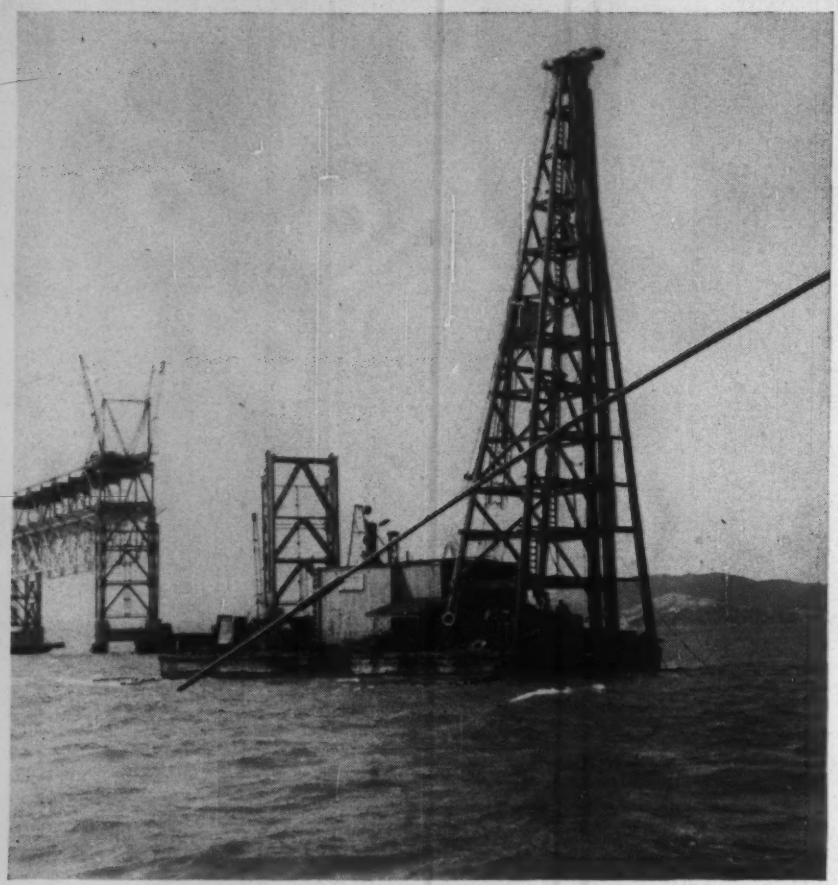
Along with penstock repair, other modification was handled at the same time. In the original installation there were 8-in. pipes on the top of penstocks 2 and 3 to serve as a water takeoff for cooling. However when the turbines were started air would rush in and cause a hammering. Power district engineers therefore decided to transfer these takeoffs to the bottom of the penstocks, stopping the flow of air.

When work was completed, pressures were equalized on both sides of the penstock area by releasing water into the penstock area through the new piping system. Bulkheads then were removed.

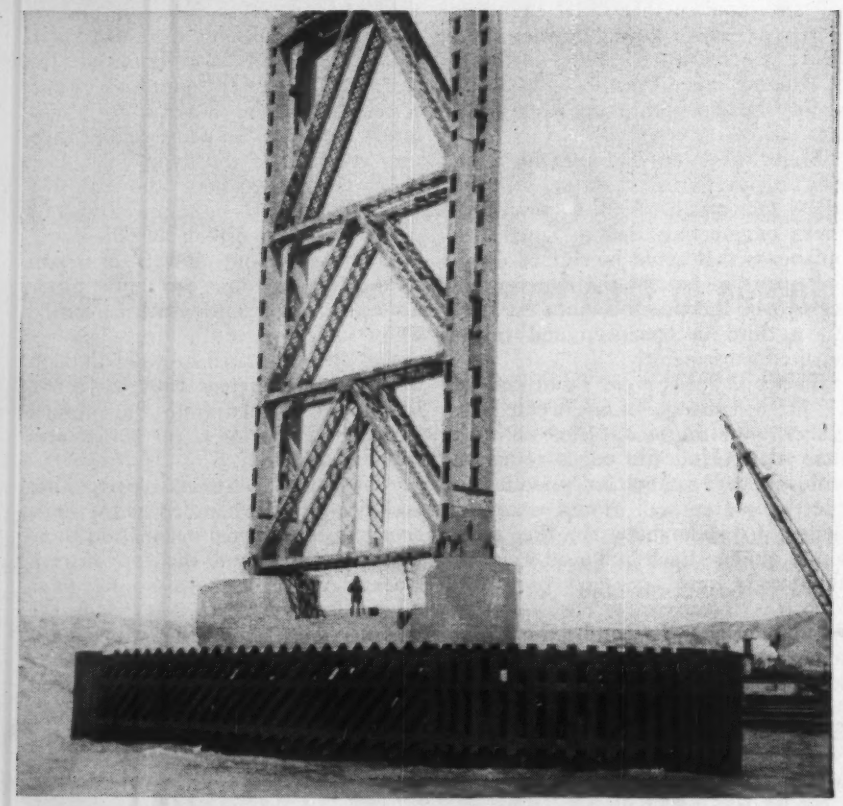
• **Credits**—T. M. Morong is chief engineer for the Salt River Power District; A. W. Tesmer, supervisor of mechanical engineering, was responsible for the bulkhead design; and T. W. Bent was resident engineer on the job.

**REPAIRS—Years of seepage past old rivets was causing leaks, necessitated replacement.**

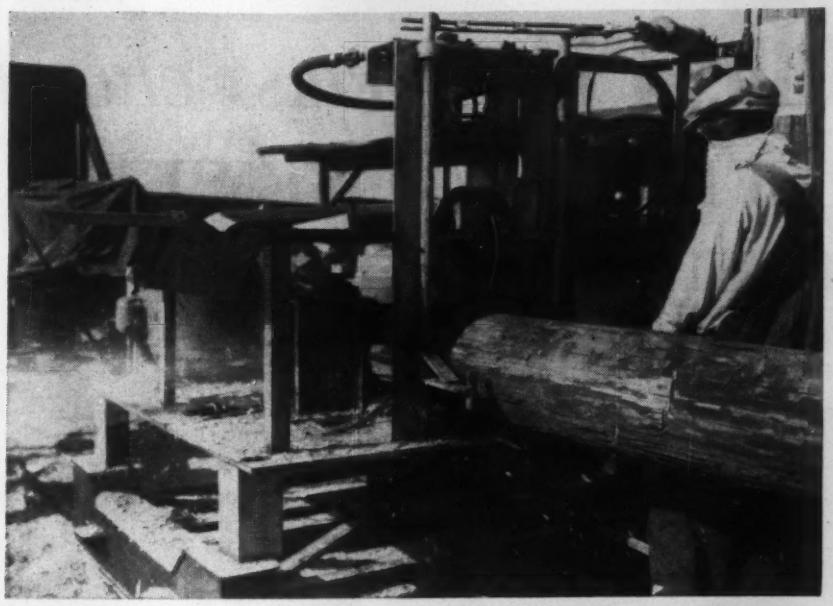
# Need Extra-Long Wood Piles? Just Splice 'Em



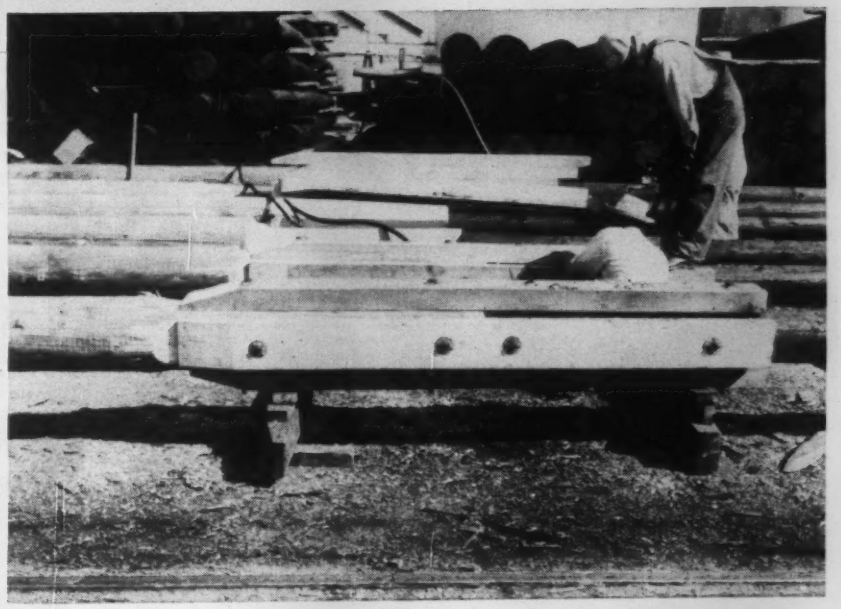
DRIVER PICKS UP PILE spliced to 160-ft length for Richmond-San Rafael Bridge pier fender. Record length is needed to get firm bearing in thick mud layer that underlies the deep water. Bridge, being built for the State of California, provides a vehicular crossing of the north arm of San Francisco Bay.



FENDER PROTECTS PIER near navigation channel. Eight piers are so protected involving 1,448 piles and a million board feet of treated lumber. Fender system is flexible to impose minimum damage to piers and to ships that might hit them.



PILES ARE SHAPED for splice by machine having two rotating shaving heads. Machine is pulled into pile that is clamped in place. Pile is rotated 90 deg for second shaping that squares butt. Machine was developed by J. H. Baxter & Co. who supplied spliced piles and treated lumber for the job.



PILES ARE SPLICED by 4x8 in. timbers bolted with ¾-in. black bolts working against annealed washers. Butt of 65-ft long untreated pile (left) is shaped to fit 95-ft long, 12-lb pressure-creosoted, pile (right). Untreated pile and splice will be below mud line.

PILES ARE MOVED in Baxter yard by two locomotive cranes using a four point pickup. Fender system is part of bridge substructure contract held by joint venture of Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., and Peter Kiewit Sons Co.

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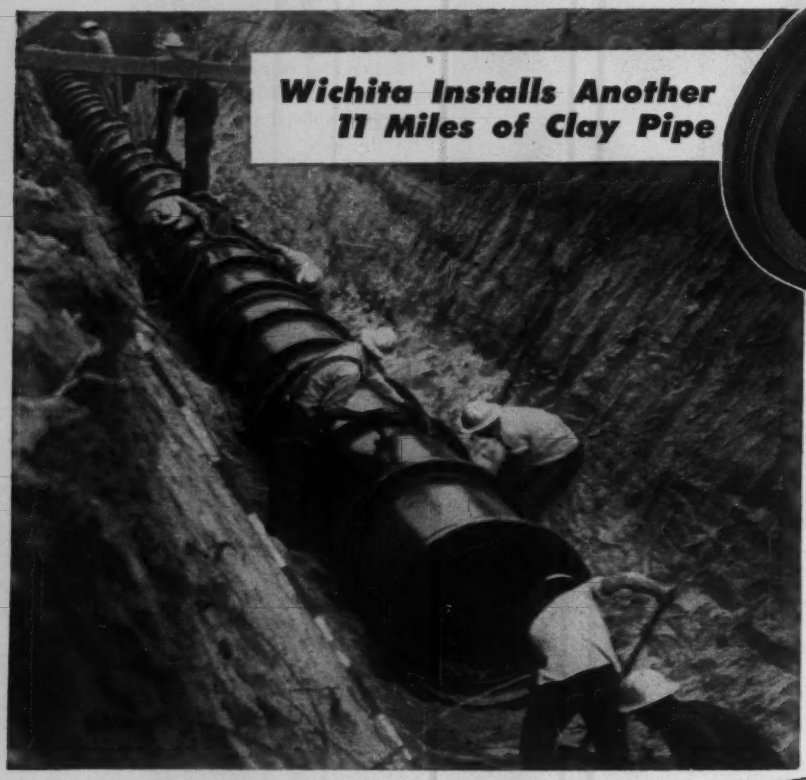


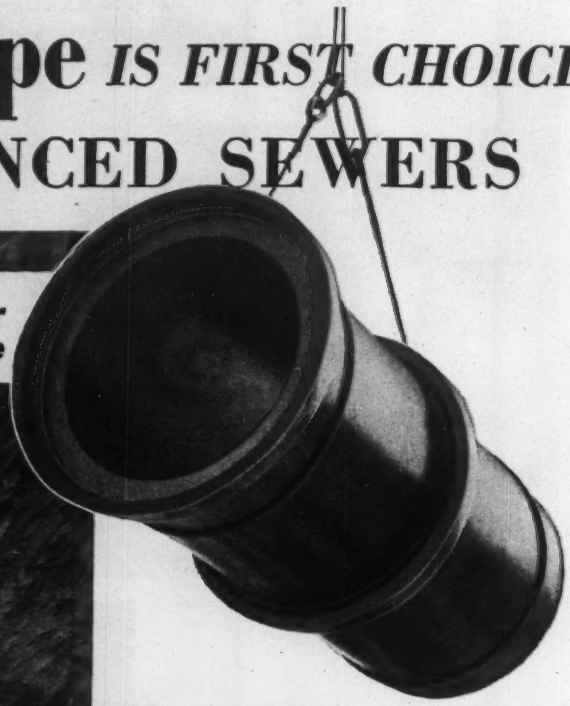

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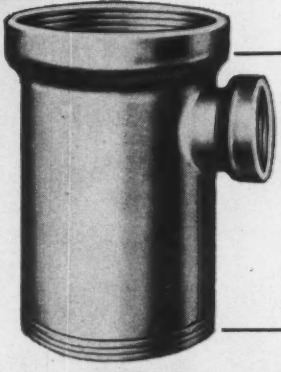

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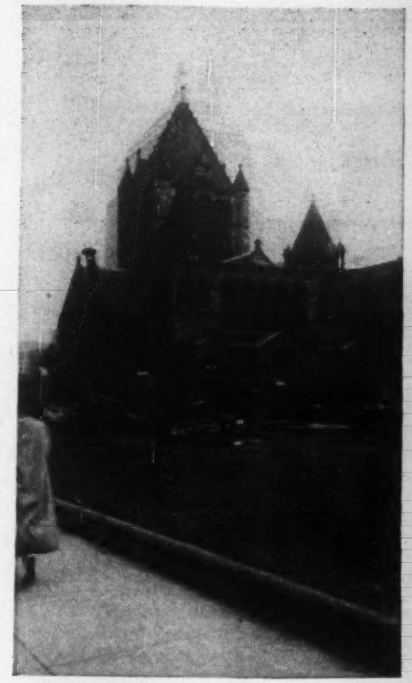

**It's water to the rescue for these historic buildings with . . .**

# Drainage in Reverse at Copley Square

Considerable interest has been kindled in the area of Boston's historic Copley Square, where a clamshell bucket is completing excavation and backfill of a 400-ft trench. Observers, ranging from taxicab drivers to little old ladies, have watched twin 12-in. perforated metal pipelines being installed in the trench that seems to start aimlessly, run down the center of the square and end nowhere in particular.

The apparent purposelessness of the operation, however, is deceiving, for upon these small-bore lines may rest the salvation of municipally and privately owned buildings that lie in the surrounding area.

During recent years, the ground water table has been dropping until now—during dry weather conditions—pile-heads and caps are exposed to decaying influences. Most critically affected are the Boston Public Library, which has undergone extensive repairs to pile caps; the old S. S. Pierce Building and historic Trinity Church. In some of the buildings it has been necessary to flush down basements in order to prevent drying out of the timber piles.

• **What was the cause?**—There are several theories as to the cause of the de-watering of Copley Square but it is probable, according to one municipal spokesman, that the critical condition is the result of a combination of contributing factors.

When the Boyleston Street line of the Boston Subway was built, the tube constituted an effective dam between the area and the Charles River. Extensive pumping was necessary during construction and pumping was continued after completion of the line in order to keep the subway dry. Since Boyleston Street borders Copley Square at the Copley station, the resulting draw-down is considerable.

There are conflicting reports as to the adequacy of cross-drain batteries through the subway structure—if they exist at all—with all agreeing that effective damming action of the subway, together with the action of the station pumps, must take at least a portion of the blame for the dropping groundwater level.

Boyleston Street also contains a large combined sewer that carries storm water, sewage and effluent from the many building sump pumps. It is known that a large quantity of surface and groundwater infiltrates into this line, transforming it into an effective drainage conduit. In this manner, not only are the sump pumps in the area carrying out vast quantities of the groundwater, but the sewer itself depletes the supply by even a further amount.

When it was discovered that the sewer was acting detrimentally to the area, the city decided to try building up the pressure within the big pipe in order to change the action from infiltration to that of seepage.

In order to accomplish this a dam was constructed in the big main, thus raising the water level in the pipe with a resultant increase in static head. This may have ameliorated the condition, but to so small a degree that disintegration of piling has not been effectively checked.

• **How will perforated pipe work?**—Since the combined sewer carries high volumes even under dry-weather conditions, a plan to recharge the area from the contents of this main was thought to be practicable. By tapping into the Boyleston Street main at the northeast end of triangular Copley Square, the new recharge line could be maintained full at all times.

In times of extreme flow the recharge line would not effect flow in the main even though part of the sewage would continue to be diverted to the groundwater reservoir.

The pipe, installed at approximately 15 ft below grade, was laid on a 12-in. bed of gravel. Condition of the soil—mostly old fill material—necessitated timber sheeting that was withdrawn as backfilling was accomplished.

John J. Botti, Boston excavator was the contractor on the project.

# WEATHER

## 30-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

Mid-April to mid-May

by U.S. Weather Bureau

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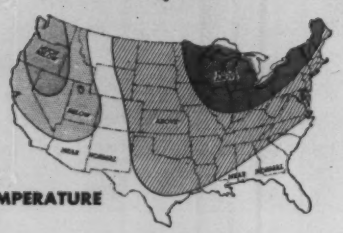

TEMPERATURE

## Observed weather in 20 cities, compared with normals

| | Precipitation, inches | | | | Temperature, degrees | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mar. 1955 | Departure fr. normal | 3 mos. 1955 | Departure fr. normal | Mar. 1955 | Departure fr. normal | Av. daily maximum | Av. daily minimum |
| Atlanta | 3.27 | −2.40 | 12.18 | −2.98 | 56.1 | +3.4 | 67.5 | 44.6 |
| Baltimore | 3.34 | −0.29 | 6.31 | −3.97 | 44.7 | +1.7 | 55.3 | 34.3 |
| Birmingham | 4.16 | −2.15 | 15.33 | −1.13 | 57.6 | +3.8 | 70.0 | 45.1 |
| Boston | 5.42 | +1.99 | 10.45 | +0.59 | 37.6 | 0.0 | 44.8 | 30.4 |
| Chicago | 1.72 | −1.13 | 5.04 | −1.06 | 37.2 | +0.2 | 46.6 | 27.7 |
| Cincinnati | 5.01 | +0.94 | 13.88 | +3.82 | 45.0 | +1.7 | 55.2 | 34.8 |
| Cleveland | 5.59 | +2.70 | 7.61 | +3.11 | 38.6 | +1.8 | 48.6 | 28.5 |
| Dallas | 1.70 | −1.11 | 4.98 | −2.92 | 58.3 | +0.9 | 70.1 | 46.5 |
| Denver | 0.72 | −0.52 | 1.43 | −0.87 | 37.7 | −1.6 | 50.2 | 25.1 |
| Detroit | 2.11 | −0.42 | 6.29 | −0.34 | 35.7 | +0.6 | 44.2 | 27.2 |
| Kansas City | 0.71 | −1.80 | 6.17 | +1.07 | 43.7 | −0.1 | 54.4 | 33.0 |
| Los Angeles | 0.56 | −1.80 | 5.54 | −2.57 | 61.3 | +2.4 | 71.2 | 51.3 |
| Minneapolis | 0.52 | −0.96 | 2.53 | −0.64 | 25.6 | −5.3 | 35.6 | 15.6 |
| New Orleans | 0.04 | −6.52 | 12.90 | −2.62 | 66.4 | +3.4 | 75.5 | 57.2 |
| New York | 4.65 | +1.09 | 7.94 | −2.21 | 41.1 | +0.4 | 48.6 | 33.6 |
| Philadelphia | 4.80 | +1.48 | 7.74 | −1.97 | 44.4 | +2.1 | 53.3 | 35.5 |
| Pittsburgh | 4.49 | +1.08 | 8.38 | +0.24 | 43.6 | +2.0 | 53.6 | 33.5 |
| St. Louis | 2.24 | −1.40 | 6.92 | −0.92 | 45.3 | 0.0 | 55.4 | 35.2 |
| San Francisco | 0.29 | −2.49 | 5.52 | −5.20 | 59.8 | −0.1 | 62.0 | 47.6 |
| Seattle | 1.73 | −1.33 | 6.42 | −4.87 | 41.6 | −5.4 | 46.7 | 36.4 |

## Precipitation range in 20 cities, in inches

**Table shows range observed 33.3% of time. Rainfall heavier 33.3% of time, lighter 33.3% of time.**

Computed by U. S. Weather Bureau (based on historical records of actual precipitation)

| City | Apr. | Mid Apr.-Mid May | May | Mid May-Mid June | June | Mid June-Mid July | July | Mid July-Mid Aug. | Aug. | Mid Aug.-Mid Sept. | Sept.* | Mid. Sept.-* Mid. Oct. | Oct. | Mid. Oct.-Mid. Nov |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 2.82/5.10 | 2.48/4.72 | 2.14/4.33 | 2.50/4.38 | 2.87/4.43 | 2.93/4.82 | 2.99/4.80 | 2.89/4.90 | 2.79/5.00 | 2.24/4.30 | 1.69/3.66 | 1.64/3.35 | 1.59/2.90 | 2.01/3.38 |
| Baltimore | 2.58/4.20 | 2.76/4.30 | 2.94/4.40 | 2.73/4.42 | 2.52/4.44 | 2.57/4.71 | 2.61/4.98 | 2.91/5.32 | 3.20/5.66 | 2.65/4.51 | 2.10/3.36 | 1.88/3.57 | 1.66/3.77 | 1.16/3.45 |
| Birmingham | 2.94/5.07 | 3.05/4.81 | 3.16/4.55 | 2.90/4.70 | 2.64/4.84 | 3.29/5.18 | 3.94/5.53 | 3.44/5.39 | 2.92/5.25 | 2.32/4.47 | 1.71/3.69 | 1.62/3.14 | 1.52/2.58 | 1.84/3.24 |
| Boston | 2.39/4.40 | 2.58/4.29 | 2.39/3.50 | 2.42/3.84 | 2.09/3.50 | 2.35/3.76 | 2.61/4.02 | 2.60/4.36 | 2.59/4.70 | 2.32/4.20 | 2.04/3.70 | 2.26/3.88 | 2.49/4.07 | 2.62/4.26 |
| Chicago | 2.19/3.13 | 2.24/3.56 | 2.16/4.00 | 2.29/3.83 | 2.42/3.67 | 2.46/3.66 | 2.49/3.65 | 2.31/3.65 | 2 13/3.65 | 2.11/3.70 | 2.09/3.75 | 1.84/3.42 | 1.59/3.10 | 1.59/2.95 |
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| Cleveland | 2.20/3.27 | 2.27/3.38 | 2.33/3.49 | 2.17/3.53 | 2.00/3.56 | 2.24/3.82 | 2.47/4.08 | 2.15/3.84 | 1.83/3.60 | 2.07/3.51 | 2.30/3.41 | 2.03/3.29 | 1.75/3.16 | 1.79/2.97 |
| Dallas | 2.66/5.50 | 2.82/5.38 | 2.99/5.25 | 2.39/4.85 | 1.79/4.45 | 1.59/3.72 | 1.39/3.00 | 1.30/2.89 | 1.22/2.78 | 1.50/2.94 | 1.77/3.10 | 1.66/3.30 | 1.55/3.50 | 1.60/3.25 |
| Denver | 1.34/2.40 | 1.48/2.65 | 1.62/2.90 | 0.64/2.32 | 0.67/1.75 | 0.94/1.88 | 1.21/2.00 | 1.04/1.86 | 0.87/1.73 | 0.60/1.39 | 0.52/1.05 | 0.57/1.08 | 0.62/1.10 | 0.46/0.89 |
| Detroit | 1.79/2.73 | 2.14/3.20 | 2.49/3.67 | 2.66/3.88 | 2.84/4.10 | 2.46/3.90 | 2.09/3.70 | 1.94/3.54 | 1.79/3.38 | 1.80/3.41 | 1.82/3.44 | 1.72/3.02 | 1.63/2.69 | 1.70/2.66 |
| Kansas City | 2.39/3.40 | 2.82/4.40 | 3.24/5.40 | 3.42/5.82 | 3.61/6.25 | 3.19/5.47 | 2.77/4.69 | 2.74/4.84 | 2.70/5.00 | 2.84/5.00 | 2.99/5.00 | 2.34/4.54 | 1.69/4.07 | 1.48/3.21 |
| Los Angeles | 0.22/0.90 | 0.14/0.62 | 0.05/0.35 | 0.02/0.18 | 0.00/0.02 | 0.00/0.01 | 0.00/T | 0.00/T | 0.00 T | 0.00/0.02 | T/0.03 | 0.08/0.32 | 0.15/0.60 | 0.20/0.95 |
| Minneapolis | 1.69/2.60 | 2.16/3.29 | 2.64/3.98 | 2.89/4.49 | 3.14/5.00 | 2.64/4.50 | 2.14/4.00 | 2.10/3.85 | 2 1½/3.70 | 2.24/3.78 | 2.29/3.85 | 1.79/3.15 | 1.29/2.45 | 0.98/2.01 |
| New Orleans | 2.66/5.00 | 2.65/5.12 | 2.64/5.25 | 3.18/5.88 | 3.72/6.50 | 4.54/6.95 | 5.37/7.40 | 4.90/7.08 | 4.44/6.75 | 3.78/6.12 | 3.11/5.50 | 2.55/4.81 | 1.99/4.12 | 2.34/4.40 |
| New York | 2.47/3.78 | 2.50/3.90 | 2.54/4.02 | 2.45/3.91 | 2.36/3.80 | 2.81/4.25 | 3.26/4.70 | 2.99/4.95 | 2.89/4.70 | 2.46/4.30 | 2.21/3.40 | 2.15/3.76 | 2.09/4.13 | 2.15/4.04 |
| Philadelphia | 2.49/3.82 | 2.44/4.11 | 2.39/4.40 | 2.54/4.25 | 2.69/4.10 | 2.94/4.24 | 3.19/4.37 | 2.99/4.91 | 2.79/5.45 | 2.44/4.62 | 2.09/3.90 | 2.04/3.85 | 1.99/3.80 | 2.18/3.65 |
| Pittsburgh | 2.29/3.40 | 2.39/3.58 | 2.49/3.75 | 2.68/3.98 | 2.86/4.20 | 2.79/4.35 | 2.72/4.50 | 2.52/4.15 | 2.32/3.80 | 2.20/3.30 | 1.87/2.80 | 1.98/3.00 | 2.09/3.20 | 1.96/2.96 |
| St. Louis | 2.59/4.10 | 2.86/4.65 | 3.13/5.20 | 2.96/5.25 | 2.79/5.30 | 2.60/4.78 | 2.41/4.25 | 2.28/4.18 | 2.14/4.11 | 2.12/3.84 | 2.09/3.58 | 1.89/3.42 | 1 69/3.25 | 1.78/3.28 |
| San Francisco | 0.67/1.54 | 0.44/1.12 | 0.18/0.69 | 0.09/0.37 | 0.00/0.05 | 0.00/0.03 | 0.00/0.01 | 0.00/0.00 | 0.00/0.00 | 0 00/0.13 | 0.00/0.26 | 0.10/0.73 | 0.19/1.20 | 1.12/2.25 |
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T—Traces (Less than 0.005 inches)

## Mean temperature range in 20 cities, in degrees F.

**Table shows range observed 25% of time. Mean temperature higher 37.5% of time, lower 37.5% of time.**

Computed by U. S. Weather Bureau (based on historical records of actual temperature)

| City | Apr. | Mid Apr.-Mid May | May | Mid May-Mid June | June | Mid June-Mid July | July | Mid July-Mid Aug. | Aug. | Mid Aug.-Mid Sept. | Sept.* | Mid. Sept.-* Mid. Oct. | Oct. | Mid. Oct.-Mid. Nov. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 60.9/62.6 | 64.9/66.3 | 69.0/70.5 | 73.5/74.6 | 77.3/78.1 | 78.5/79.3 | 79.0/79.9 | 78.9/79.9 | 78.6/79.1 | 76.3/78.1 | 72.9/75.4 | 68.2/70.2 | 62.3/63.8 | 56.6/58.2 |
| Baltimore | 51.9/53.6 | 57.5/59.0 | 63.4/64.6 | 68.2/69.5 | 72.5/73.8 | 75.2/76.6 | 76.2/77.5 | 75.5/77.3 | 73.6/75.7 | 71.1/73.3 | 67.1/69.4 | 62.2/64.4 | 56.4/58.3 | 50.9/52.6 |
| Birmingham | 61.1/62.6 | 64.6/65.3 | 68.4/70.2 | 72.4/74.5 | 76.8/78.1 | 78.4/79.7 | 78.9/80.0 | 79.0/80.3 | 78.5/79.8 | 76.6/78.5 | 73.3/75.6 | 68.5/70.7 | 62.2/64.2 | 56.2/58.5 |
| Boston | 46.7/48.3 | 51.5/53.1 | 56.7/58.4 | 56.8/58.6 | 66.3/68.1 | 69.6/71.1 | 70.2/74.1 | 72.1/73.4 | 70.9/72.1 | 67.6/69.2 | 63.3/65.4 | 58.9/61.0 | 54.2/56.2 | 49.3/51.3 |
| Chicago | 47.5/48.8 | 52.7/54.7 | 57.9/60.5 | 63.1/66.1 | 68.0/71.2 | 71.6/74.0 | 73.7/75.1 | 73.8/75.4 | 71.7/72.0 | 68.8/70.7 | 64.5/66.7 | 59.3/61.7 | 52.8/55.3 | 45.9/48.6 |
| Cincinnati | 51.4/53.3 | 56.4/58.6 | 61.5/64.0 | 65.2/67.0 | 71.2/73.0 | 73.4/75.2 | 74.1/75.8 | 73.9/75.7 | 72.5/74.4 | 70.2/72.1 | 66.5/68.4 | 61.2/63.3 | 55.9/57.1 | 48.6/50.9 |
| Cleveland | 46.2/47.8 | 51.8/53.9 | 57.9/60.3 | 63.5/65.7 | 68.2/70.2 | 71.2/73.0 | 72.7/74.2 | 72.5/74.2 | 70.9, 72.7 | 68.5/70.6 | 64.7/67.1 | 59.5/61.8 | 53.5/55.6 | 47.1/49.3 |
| Dallas | 64.2/67.3 | 68.4/71.1 | 72.6/75.0 | 77.2/78.8 | 81.1/82.2 | 83.3/84.8 | 84.5/86.4 | 85.6/87.3 | 85.1/86.7 | 82.3/83.9 | 78.1/79.7 | 73.8/75.1 | 68.5/69.4 | 61.4/63.1 |
| Denver | 46.3/48.6 | 51.1/53.4 | 55.2/57.4 | 60.0/62.1 | 65.4/67.5 | 69.7/71.5 | 72.1/73.7 | 72.5/74.0 | 71.8/72.2 | 67.3/78.6 | 62.2/63.4 | 56.7/58.3 | 50.8/52.8 | 44.5/47.2 |
| Detroit | 45.6/47.1 | 51.0/52.8 | 56.5/58.7 | 62.3/64.4 | 67.3/69.9 | 70.6/72.1 | 72.5/73.5 | 72.3/73.6 | 71.0/72.5 | 67.5/69.5 | 63.0/65.6 | 57.8/60.2 | 51.9/54.1 | 45.8/47.9 |
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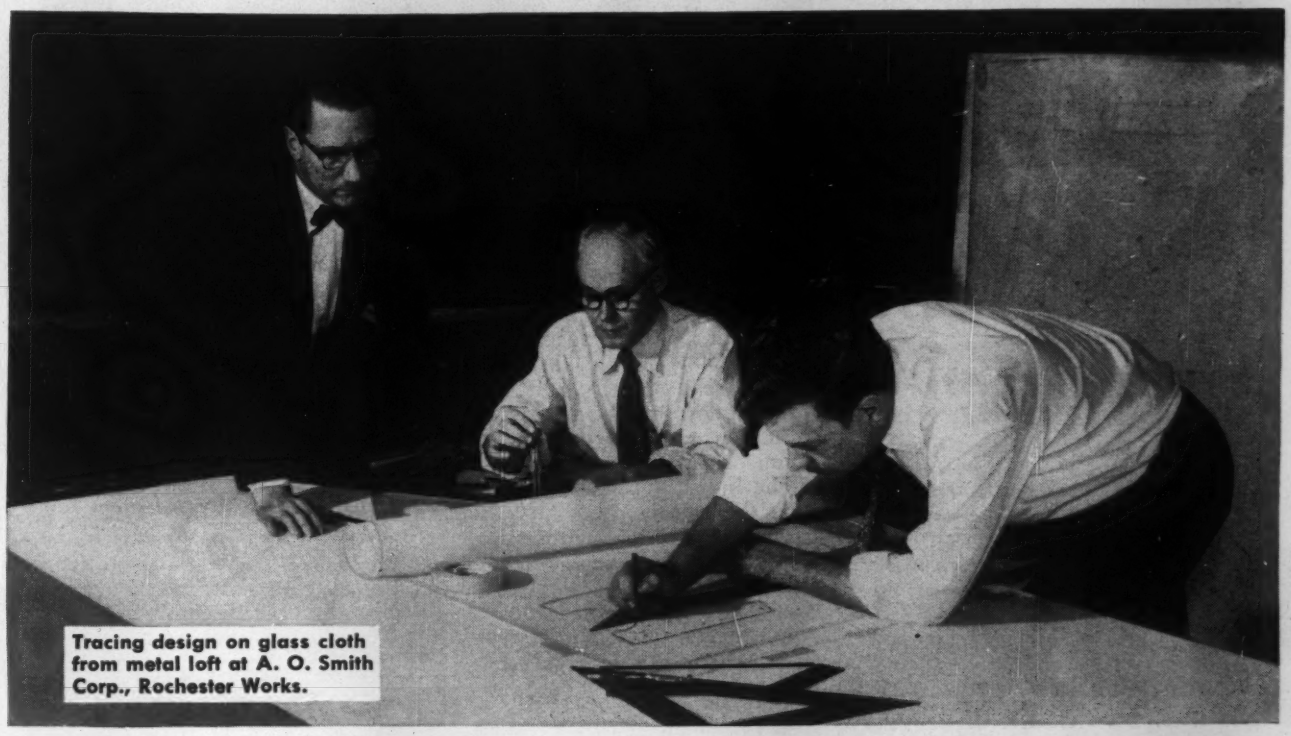
* Ranges for Sept. and Mid. Sept.-Mid. Oct. published March 24 issue for all cities except Baltimore, Cleveland and Philadelphia were actually for Oct. and Mid. Oct.-Mid. Nov. respectively. Correct ranges for these 30-day periods are shown here.



Tracing design on glass cloth from metal loft at A. O. Smith Corp., Rochester Works.

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# INTERNATIONAL

## Atom Power Plants Proposed for India

Dr. H. J. Bhabha, member of the Atomic Research Wing of the Indian Planning Commission, has announced plans to set up an atomic power plant with a generating capacity between 60,000 and 100,000 kw within the next six years.

Exploratory talks, he said, were already in progress with the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission.

The Indian scientist refused to disclose the nature of his "top secret" talks with AEC but hinted that the first power plant would be followed by similar projects, each of which will cost India around $40,000,000.

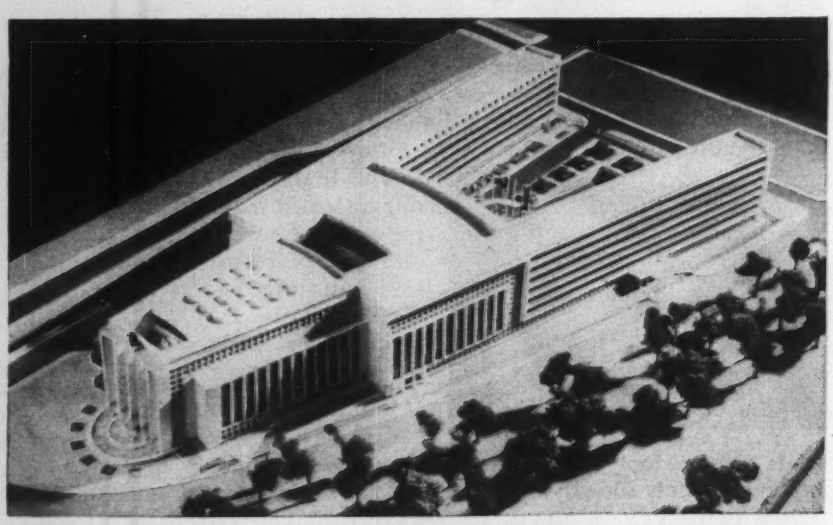
## Britain Develops 100-kw Prototype Wind Power Plant

In England a new type of wind-mill has a generating capacity of 100 kw and the turbine is driven by a rapidly moving column of air, not by any mechanical linkage with the propeller. The wind plant works on the "depression" principle and in the ordinary sense the propeller blades are not strictly propellers at all. The blades are hollow and as the force of the wind makes them rotate, air is discharged through blade tip outlets by centrifugal force. This air has to be drawn up through the main column of the plant to be discharged at the blades tips. It is this flow that turns a turbine in the base of the shaft.

Clutch, gearing and shafts from the propeller blades to the turbine are eliminated and the propeller blades are free from any mechanical linkage with the turbine that might slow down their spinning. The windmill is designed so that when the wind speed is 30 mph, the propeller runs at 100 rpm and 58,500 cu ft of air pass through the turbine per minute. When the wind speed is greater than this, the pitch of the blades are automaticly adjusted so that the speed of rotation and volume of air passing through the turbine remain constant.

With wind speeds between 30 and 65 mph output is held at 100 kw when wind speeds are over 65 mph the blades are feathered and rotation ceases. With wind speeds below 30 mph, output decreases rapidly.

Propeller blades are 40 ft long and



## Plans for New NATO Headquarters in Paris

Plans and model for the future permanent headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization have been submitted to the City of Paris for formal approval. With the issuance of a building permit work will get under way this summer and be completed in two years time.

Site of the new headquarters is at the Place de la Porte Dauphine, at the end of Avenue Foch and between the Boulevard Lannes and Avenue Marechal Fayolle. The new six-story building will provide basement parking for 400 vehicles and will house 900 offices, a number of committee rooms and the main Council Chamber of NATO. Radio, TV, film, press and restaurant facilities among many others will be incorporated in the building. Up until the present time NATO headquarters have been in the temporary buildings of the Palais de Chaillot.

Architect for the project is Jacques Carlu, designer of the permanent building of the Palais de Chaillot.

# award winning† school design forecasts the future

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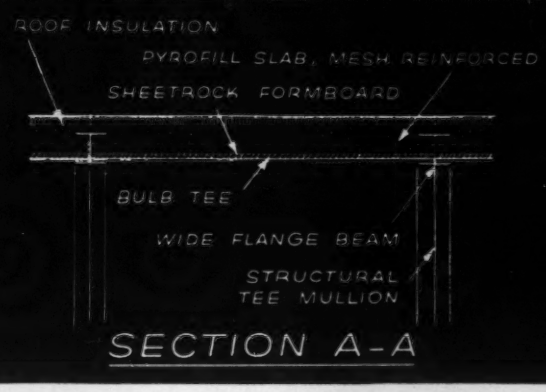


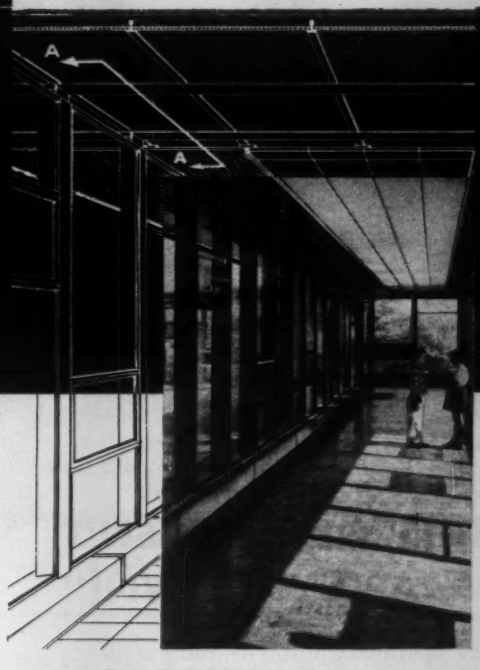


This PYROFILL roof deck has bulb tees installed between the wide flange beams, rather than over them, providing the lateral strength required for the corridor structures, eliminating the need for purlins. Total thickness of the roof structure is minimized to fulfill the aesthetic requirements of the design.

Heathcote Elementary School, Scarsdale, N.Y.
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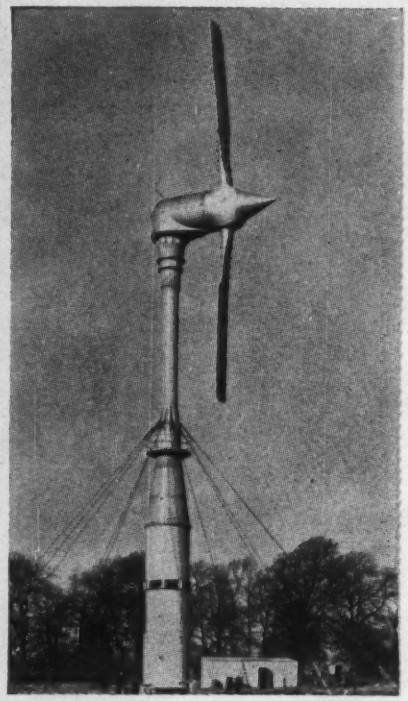

**WIND GENERATOR has 40-ft blades.**

the axis of rotation is 100 ft above the ground. The propeller housing and gears are rotated with the wind direction by bull gear and pinion (at the top of the shaft) actuated by a small electric motor which in turn is electrically actuated by a wind speed and direction indicator. Each propeller blade weighs 1,600 lb and the complete windmill weighs 60 tons.

Built for the British Electricity Authority, windmill was erected by Enfield Cables, Ltd., London, with subcontractors de Havilland Propellers, Ltd., Hatfield, Herts., England.

## International Briefs . . .

• **Price tag for publicity**—A U.S. oil company reportedly has offered to build—at its own expense—a 279-mi speedway from Rome to north Italy. In return, the oil firm wants exclusive rights to own all filling stations and way-side publicity along the road.

• **International Exhibition**—An international exhibition of materials and equipment is scheduled to be held in Paris from June 25 to July 10. Its objectives: (1) to foster international exchange of views among members of the building and allied industries; (2) to permit contacts between producers, customers and the general public; (3) to forecast future markets; (4) to provide for future studies, conferences and exhibitions.

# 5 SUPERIOR WAYS OF HANGING FORMS FROM STEEL BEAMS AND GIRDERS

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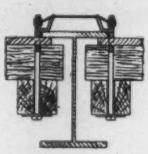
***Especially designed to meet field conditions on BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURES***

***Standard Coil Hanger Frame***

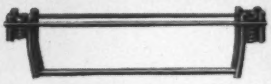


When hanging forms where specifications do not permit any hanger wire to be exposed after stripping, use Superior *Standard* Hanger Frames. Detail at left shows their use with double ledgers, ½" coil bolts, and flat washers. Total safe load on both bolts is 10,000 lbs., or 5,000 lbs. per bolt.

***Plate Hanger Frame***

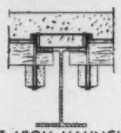
FOR ADJUSTMENT FROM TOP OF DECK

The Plate Hanger Frame, shown at left, has metal plates with a punched hole instead of wire coils. The Coil Bolts are passed through the holes and secured from above with coil nuts. The plates provide adequate bearing for the nuts, which being square will not turn when the bolt is removed. The installation and necessary adjustment to bring the deck forms tight against the flange are from above the deck. The total safe load on both coil bolts is 10,000 lbs., or 5,000 lbs. per bolt.



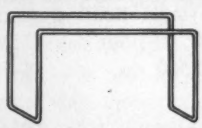
***Special Hanger Frame***

AT LOW HAUNCH



AT HIGH HAUNCH

The design of certain bridge superstructures allows for the permanent deflection of the beams or girders due to the pre-calculated dead load. This deflection is compensated by a concrete haunch on the upper flange, which varies in depth. Superior *Special* Coil Hanger Frames were developed to meet this field condition, at the same time avoiding any exposed hanger wire. The extent to which the ½" Coil Bolts are threaded into the coils allows for these varying haunch depths from maximum to zero. (See detail at left.) Total safe load per frame is 10,000 lbs., or 5,000 lbs. per ½" bolt .



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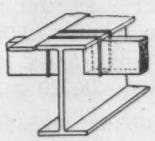
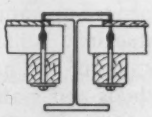


Wire Beam Saddles are used to hang centering joists from structural steel beams when the beams are not fireproofed with concrete. On non-fireproofed structures the load is determined by the allowable spacing of centering joists rather than the capacity of the hanger. Available in three gauges and sizes as required. Will carry safely, total loads of 2,500 lbs. to 6,000 lbs. Layouts and estimates will be sent upon receipt of plans or quantities. No obligation.

***Coil Beam Saddle***



Superior Coil Beam Saddles are used, as shown at left, where hanger wires may be cut after stripping the forms. The Coil Bolts allow for any variation in lumber and flange thickness and tightening the bolts pulls the forms tightly against the flanges. Forms are easily stripped. Safe load is 6,000 lbs. per saddle, or 3,000 lbs. for each ½" Coil Bolt. Coil Beam Saddles are also furnished for ¾" and 1" bolts.

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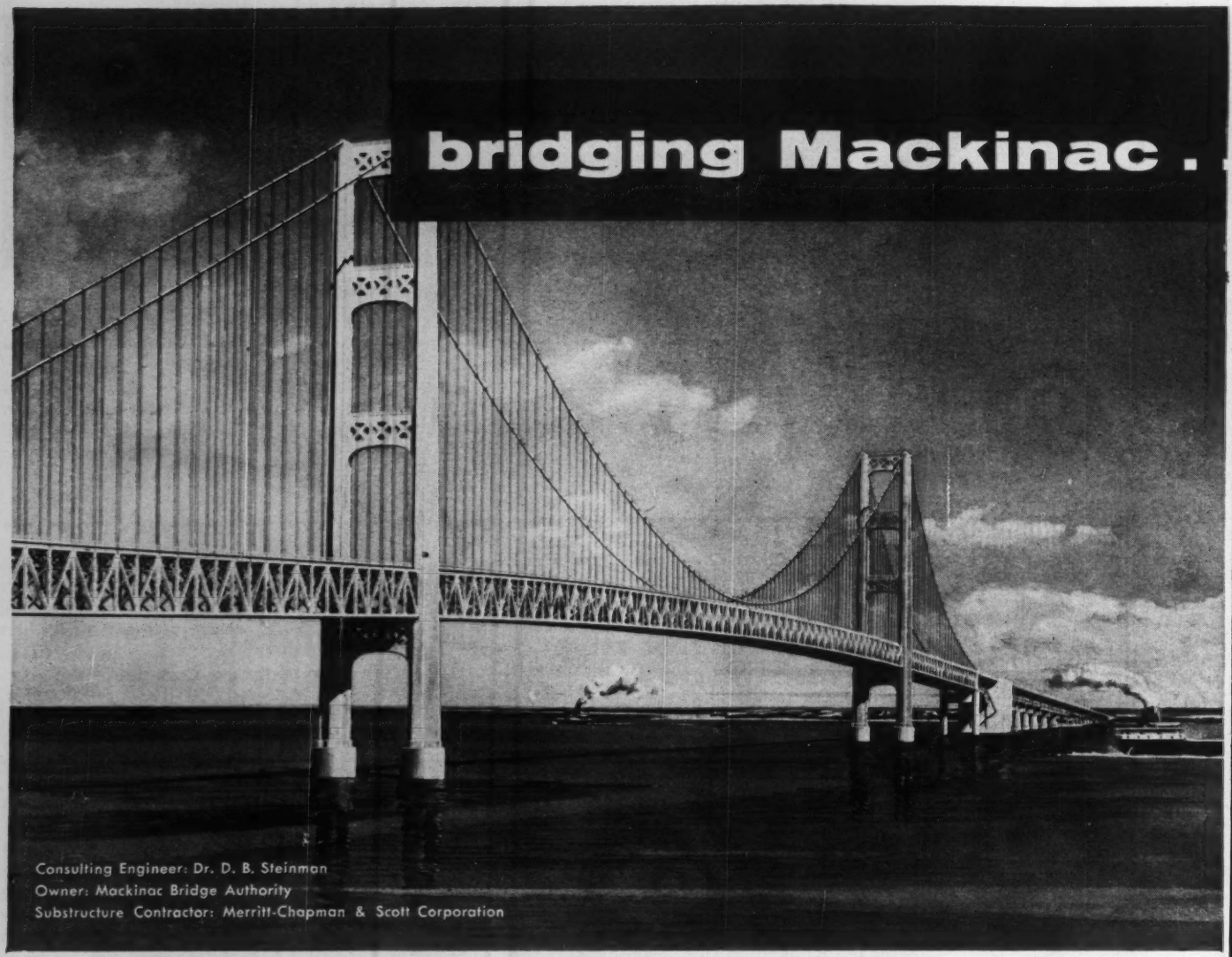
bridging Mackinac .
Consulting Engineer: Dr. D. B. Steinman
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Substructure Contractor: Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation

**Designer's rendering of Mackinac Bridge, St. Ignace, Michigan. Total length: 26,444 feet.**

A great new link in our national highway system, the Mackinac Bridge, will soon span the Straits of Mackinac and connect the two peninsulas of Michigan. Scheduled for completion late in 1957, this suspension bridge—the world's longest from anchorage to anchorage—will rest entirely on Prepakt Concrete. Some 440,000 cubic yards are being placed for the 34 foundation piers.

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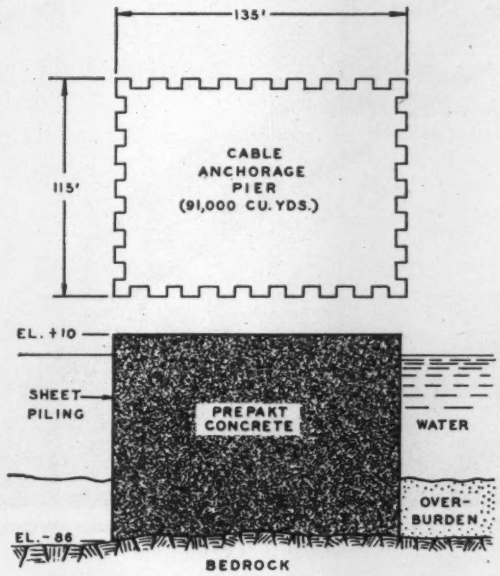
# . on Prepakt Concrete

## Prepakt method cuts cost of piers, sets new concrete placement records

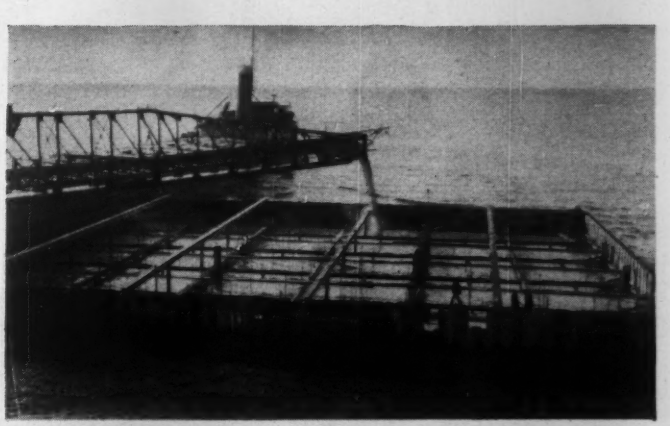


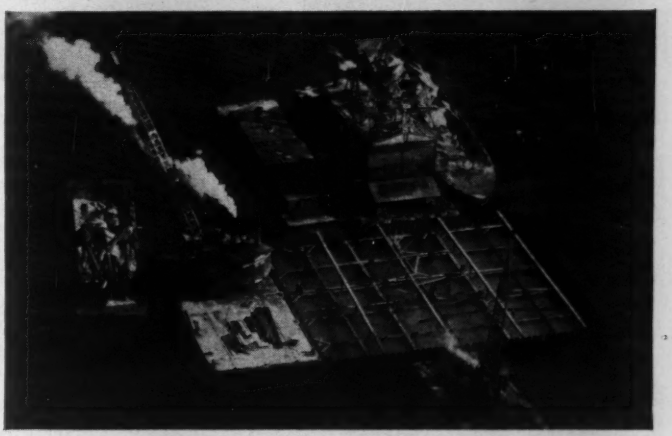

The 66,500-ton bridge superstructure is supported by 34 piers, some extending to more than 200 feet below the water surface. Concrete for these piers, made by Prepakt method of consolidating preplaced aggregate with Intrusion Mortar, was placed by the substructure contractor, Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation.

Almost all piers used cofferdams of interlocking sheet piling driven to bedrock. After removal of overburden, aggregate was then deposited into cofferdams from 10,000 to 15,000 ton self-unloading boats at rates up to 2,500 tons per hour. Final step was to consolidate stone with Intrusion Mortar which was batched, mixed and pumped from a Prepakt Floating Plant.

Use of the Prepakt technique introduced economies and kept the project on schedule despite the worst construction weather in many years.

*Prepakt maintains a complete field construction organization plus an engineering service and functions as prime or subcontractor. For further information, write: The Prepakt Concrete Co., Room 779-Y, Union Commerce Building, Cleveland.*





**(Top) Unloading stone directly into cofferdam for massive cable anchorage pier. (Bottom) During concreting operations, Prepakt Floating Plant is tended by cement-Alfesil barge (left) and sand barge (right).**

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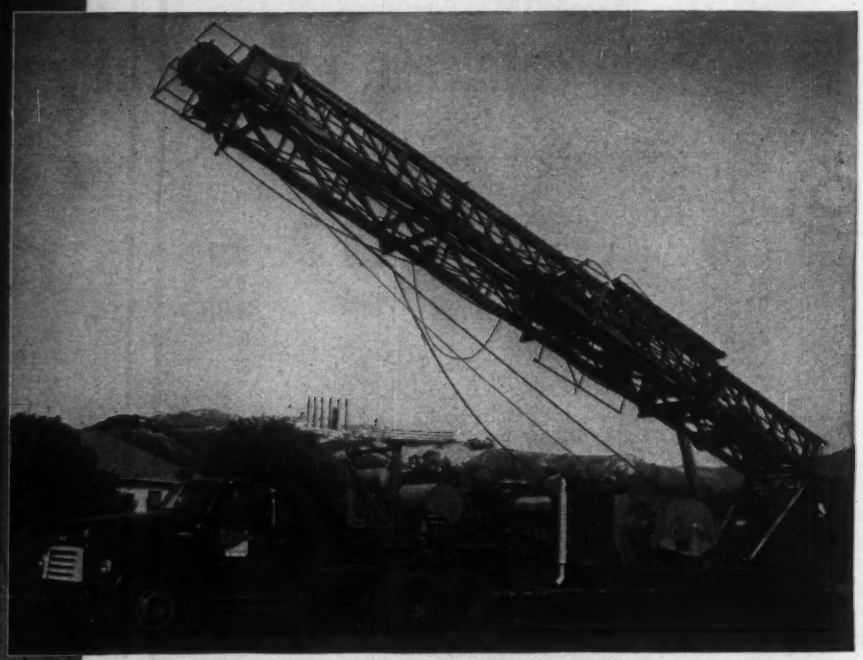
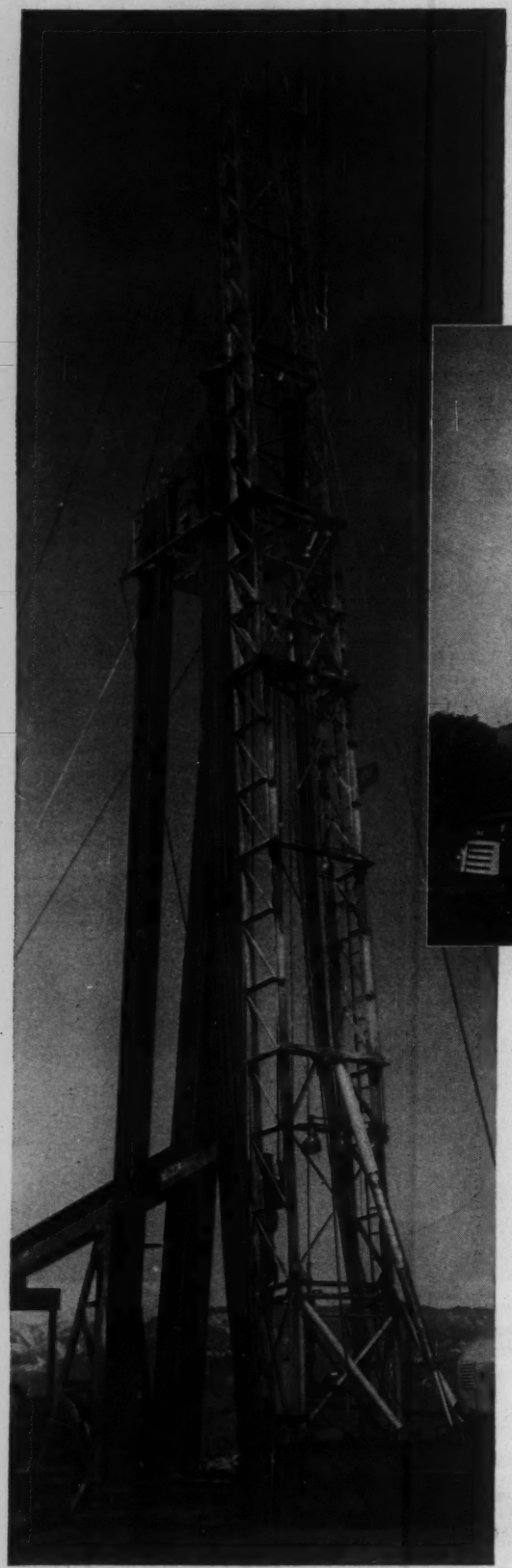


*On road, mast built of Mayari R telescopes in half, lowers into horizontal position on trailer much like extension ladder on fire truck.*



*In operation, mast is 90 ft high. All-Mayari R construction gives it hook-load capacity of 210,000 lb.*

The mast for this portable oil-well-servicing rig has to be strong. Pulling up a 10,000-foot string of tubing from an oil well is no job for a weakling, especially if the load is 100,000 lb or more. On top of that, when it breaks loose from the bottom of the hole, the tubing lets go with a rush that bounces the mast like a boy on a pogo stick.

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# MEN AND JOBS

## Gen. Kenneth E. Fields Appointed AEC Manager

Brig. Gen. Kenneth E. Fields, director of the Division of Military Application, Atomic Energy Commission, has been appointed general manager for the commission, effective May 1. Retiring from the Corps of Engineers this week to accept the appointment, he succeeds Maj. Gen. K. D. Nichols (U.S.A. Ret.), who will become an engineering consultant with offices in Washington, D. C.

For eight of the last ten years, Gen. Fields has been associated with the atomic energy program. First assigned to the Manhattan Project as assistant to the commanding general, he was later appointed assistant to the director, and then director, of the commission's Division of Military Application. He has held his present post since 1951.

During his two years of absence from the atomic energy field, Gen. Fields was assigned to the staff and faculty of the National War College and participated in the Military Assistance Program in Teheran, Iran. His World War II service included duty with the 11th Armored Division, the Infantry School at Fort Benning and the European Command.

Before the war, Gen Fields served in the Jacksonville, Fla., and New York districts of the Corps of Engineers and at the U. S. Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Miss. A 1933 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy, he later received Master of Science degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Harvard Graduate School of Engineering.

Gen. Nichols, a former district engineer of the Manhattan district, was in charge of the research, design, construction and operation of atomic bomb production plants during the early phases of the atomic energy program and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and the Order of the British Empire for his participation in the development of the atomic bomb. Before undertaking his present assignment, he was chief of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project and was deputy director of guided missiles in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

## Hawaiian Dredging Company Shifts Its Top Executives

In a series of major changes in the top command of the Hawaiian Dredging Company, Walter F. Dillingham has stepped down from the presidency and become chairman of the board of directors. His eldest son, Lowell S. Dillingham, succeeds him as head of the Honolulu firm which has played an active role in the development of Pearl Harbor and other naval installations in the Pacific.

The retiring president is the sole survivor of the five founders of the company which was formed in 1902. Born in Honolulu, he was educated at Harvard and has been closely associated for many years with business and financial interests on Oahu.

Other changes in the company's management included the retirement of Charles F. Weeber as executive vice president and his election as financial vice president. E. C. Gray and A. A. Carswell, vice-presidents for several years, elected to board of directors.

## Concrete Award Presented To N. Y. Consulting Firm

The Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute has presented its 1955 award for outstanding accomplishment in the field of concrete design and construction to Di Stasio & Van Buren, New York consulting engineers. The award was made last week at the Institute's Thirty-First Annual Meeting in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Highlights of the firm's achievements include its recent work on the design of the world's largest reinforced concrete floating drydock for the United States Navy, and its development of the flat plate concrete floor in 1941. Since its founding in 1923, the firm has participated in the design and construction of many major skyscrapers, schools and hospitals as well as public housing, stores and theaters. (*Men & Jobs continued on page 58*)


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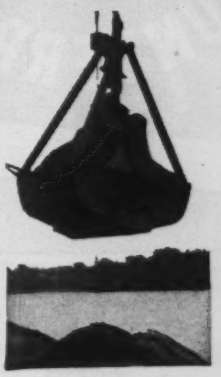

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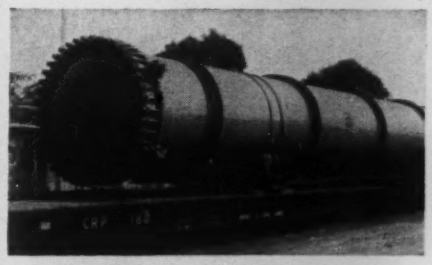

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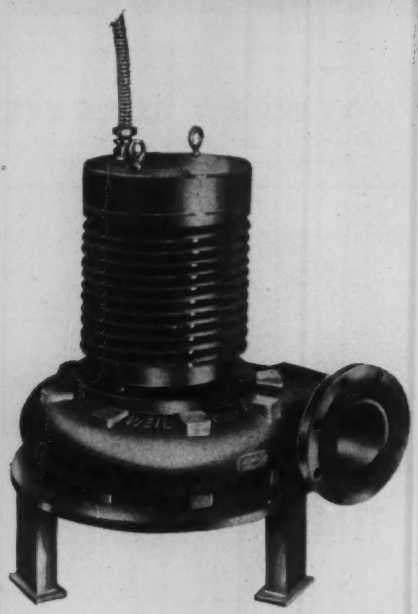

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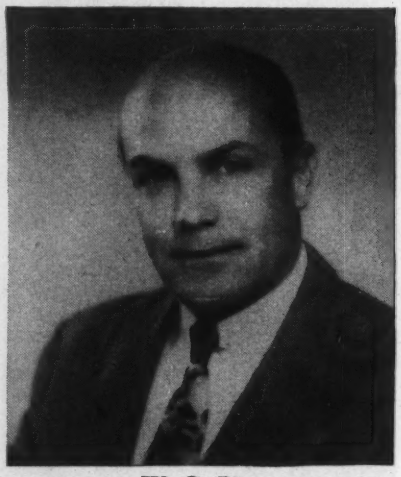

W. G. Pietz

### Raymond Concrete Pile Co. Changes Canadian Command

Raymond Concrete Pile Company has elected Wesley C. Pietz of Pittsburgh, Pa., as president and managing director of its Canadian subsidiary, Raymond Concrete Pile Company, Ltd., with headquarters in Toronto. Pietz joined the Raymond Company in 1927 and has been its Pittsburgh district manager since 1937.

He succeeds Julian A. Dickenson, who has been president and managing director of the Canadian subsidiary since 1953. Dickenson will continue as president of Raymond International Company, Ltd. of Toronto, and will be responsible for special construction projects in Canada and other areas.

### Health Service Engineer Leaves for Post in Brazil

Alfred H. Wieters, assistant chief of the Water Pollution Control Program of the Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, left Washington last week to become a consultant to the Ministry of Health in Brazil. He will advise on legislative, technical and administrative problems in a national water pollution control program.

Wieters was commissioned in the Public Health Service in 1946 after serving for 20 years as chief sanitary engineer for the Iowa State Department of Health.

A graduate of the University of Kansas, he also holds an M.S. degree in sanitary engineering from Harvard. Before moving to Iowa, Wieters served as an engineer with the Kansas State Board of Health and as director of the division of sanitary engineering of the South Dakota Board of Health.

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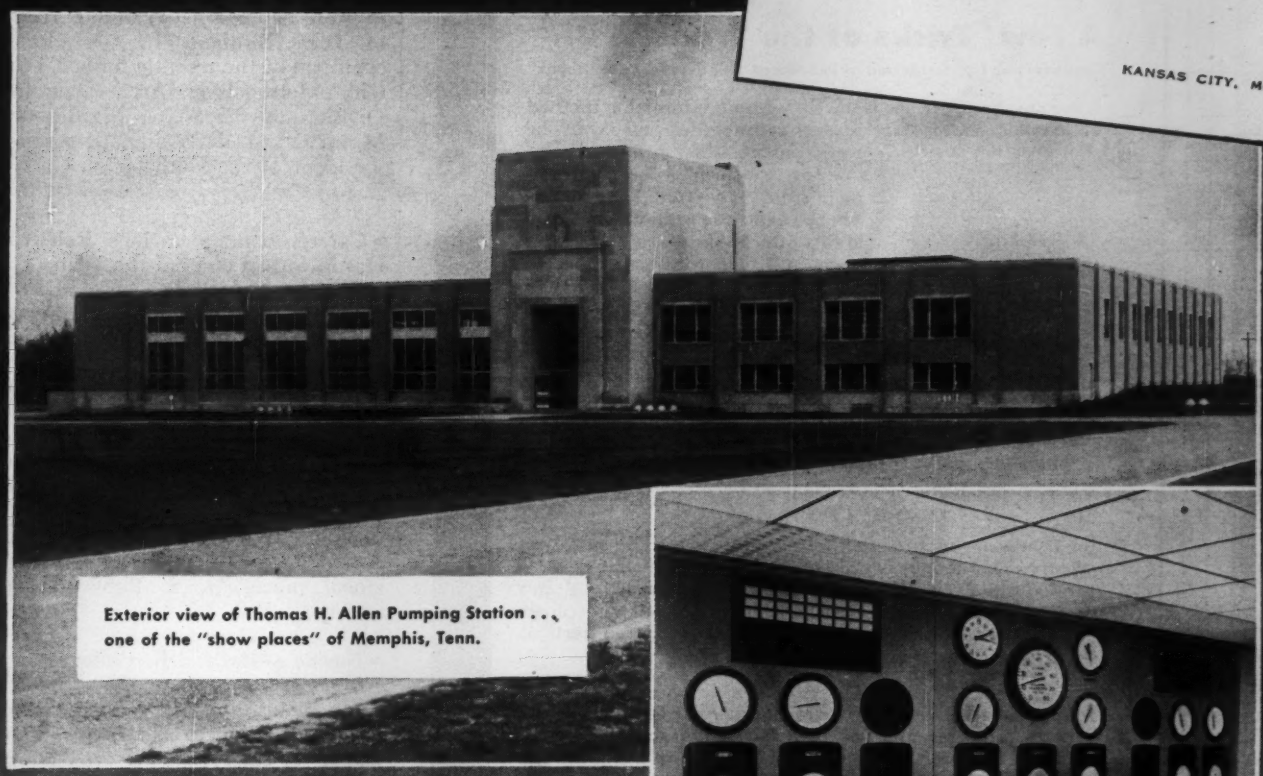
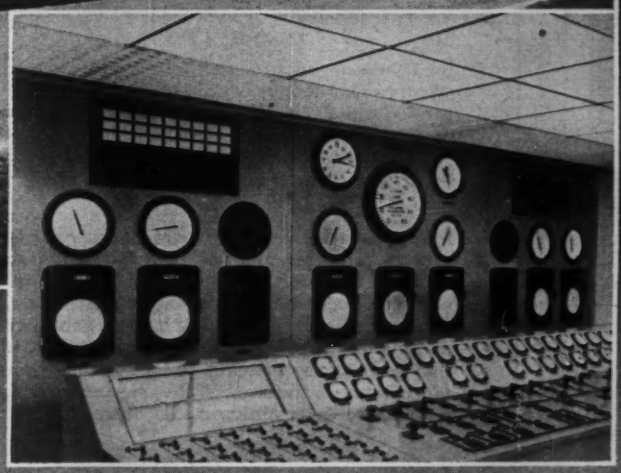


Exterior view of Thomas H. Allen Pumping Station . . . one of the "show places" of Memphis, Tenn.



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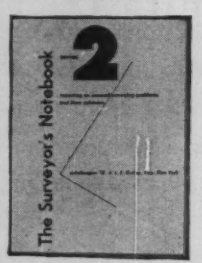


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• **Associations**—New president of the Michigan Engineering Society is **Samuel D. Porter,** partner in McNamee, Porter & Seeley, consulting engineers in Ann Arbor . . . **Walter J. Terry,** of Terry Brothers, Inc., is elected chairman of the recently formed Twin City Metropolitan Area Excavators Division of the AGC, Minneapolis, Minn. . . . **O. Z. Wrenn, Jr,** becomes president of the Durham, N. C., Engineers Club.

• **Careers**—Sanitary engineer **Robert R. Harris,** former chief of the Water Pollution Control Basin Office in Portland, Ore., heads up the Water Supply Branch of the Division of Sanitary Engineering Services, Public Health Service, Washington, D. C. . . . **J. R. Bromley** is appointed for another two-year term as superintendent and chief engineer of the Wyoming Highway Department . . . **William E. Holy** leaves his post as Water Supply Engineer in San Francisco to become assistant regional engineer, Dallas regional office, U. S. Public Health Service.

• **Business**—Harland Bartholomew and Associates, city planning consultants of St. Louis, appoint **William S. Pollard,** civil engineer and highway specialist, as chief engineer . . . **S. W. Stouffer** is promoted to assistant director of construction and maintenance by Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. . . . **Bruce A. Jacobi** becomes president of the New York firm of Baker, Smith & Co., Inc., heating and ventilating contractors.

**H. M. Thomas,** assistant superintendent of construction of U. S. Steel Co.'s expanded steel pipe plant at Provo, Utah, is named superintendent of the subsidiary Consolidated Western Steel Division . . . Raymond Concrete Pile Co. appoints **Richard O. Marsh, Jr.,** Pittsburgh district manager and **Clifford E. Simmons** Baltimore district manager.

• **Honors**—The National Society of Professional Engineers will present its annual award for meritorious service to **Andrey A. Potter,** dean emeritus of engineering at Purdue University for his contribution to engineering education . . . **Roy F. Larson,** Philadelphia architect, is awarded the 1955 Medal of Achievement of the Philadelphia Art Alliance for his work on the development of the city's new Independence Mall and his services as president of the Philadelphia Art Commission.

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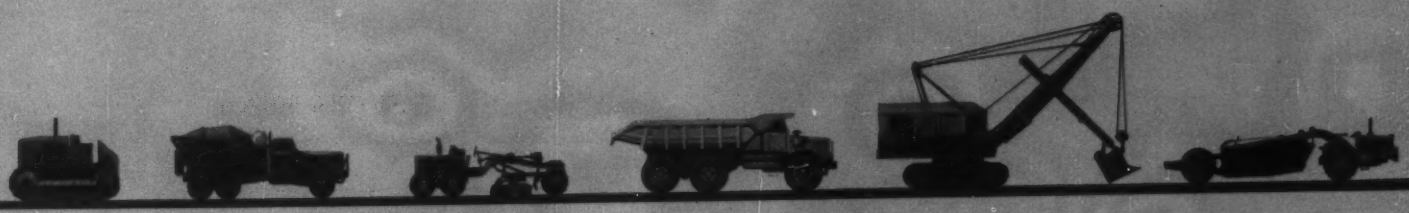

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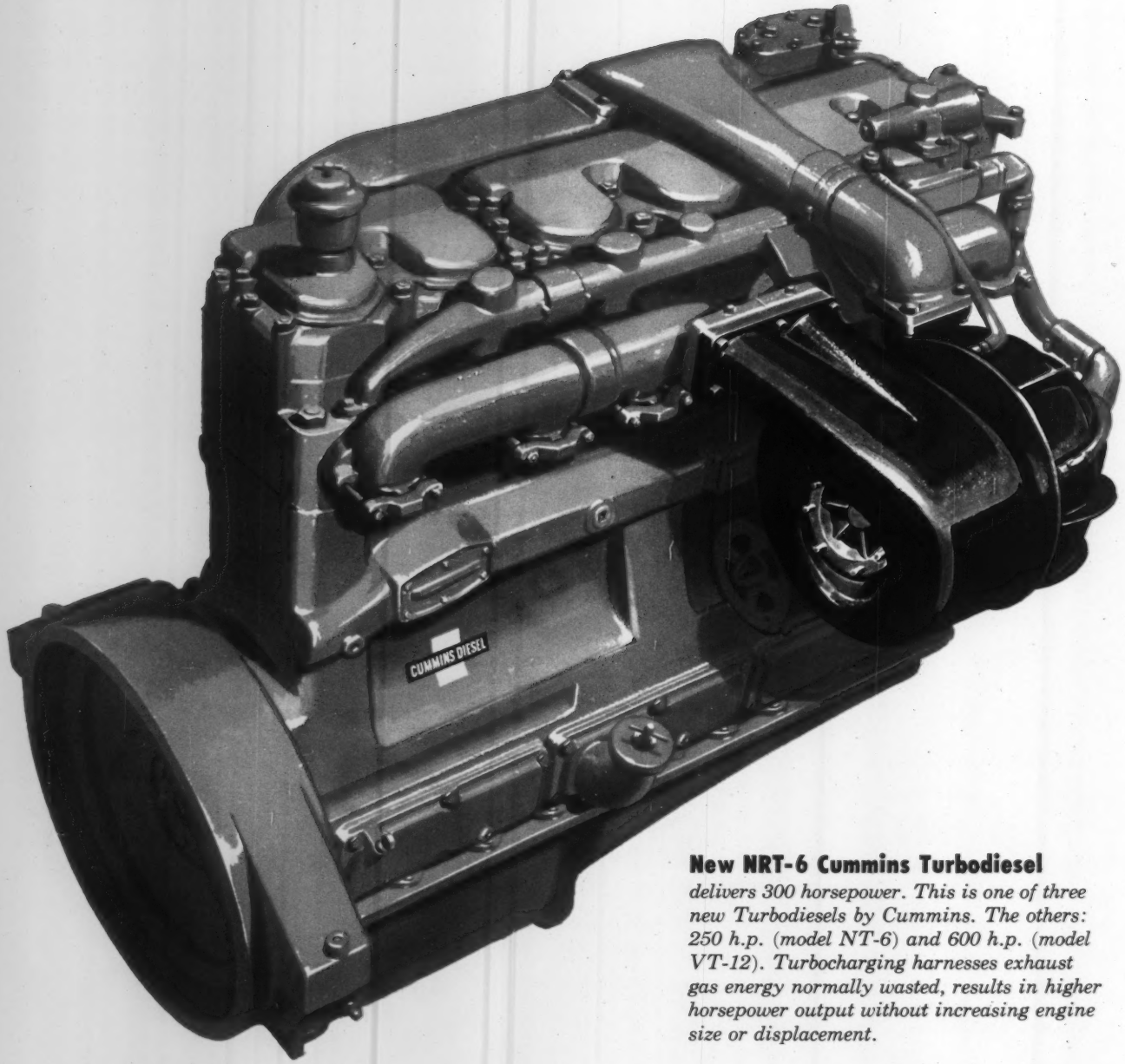


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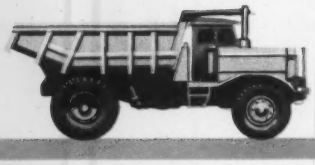
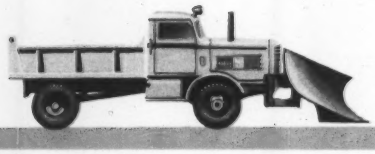
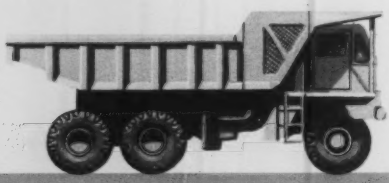


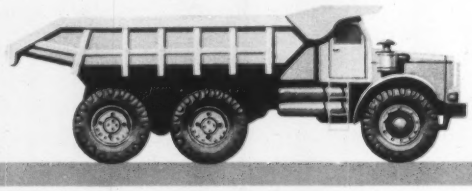
KENWORTH 24-ton end-dump truck. One of many Kenworth models in which Cummins Diesels are standard.



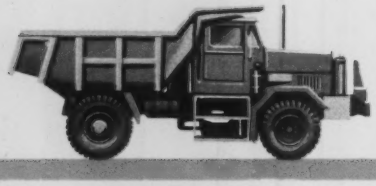
FOUR WHEEL DRIVE highway maintenance truck with snow plow. One of two FWD's available with Cummins.



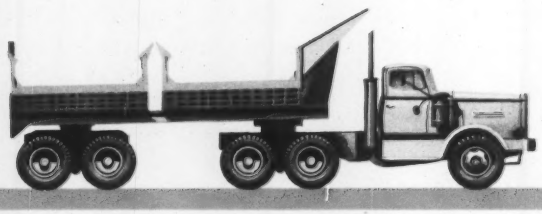
DART 55-ton end-dump. Ten other Darts available with Cummins power, including an 18-ton underground unit.



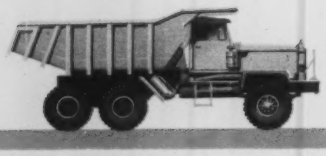
EUCLID 50-ton end-dump truck. One of many Euclid dumps and coal haulers that can be powered by Cummins.



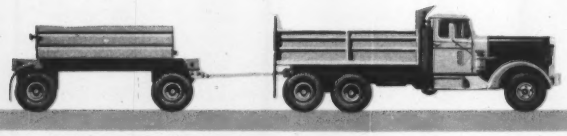
HENDRICKSON 40-ton dump truck. One of twelve Hendricksons available with Cummins Diesels.



IH 35-ton quarry truck with twin side-dump. There are 17 other IH trucks you can buy equipped with Cummins.



MACK 34-ton end-dump truck. One of fifteen different Mack models available with power by Cummins.



PETERBILT end-dump truck with side-dump trailer. One of 6 Peterbilt trucks in which Cummins power is standard.

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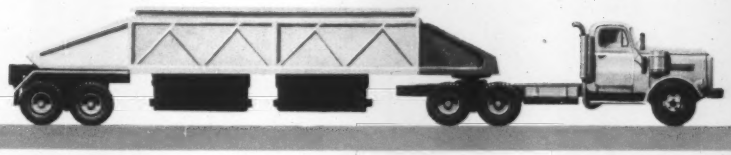
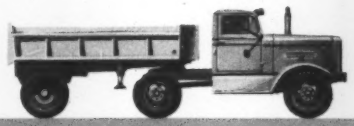
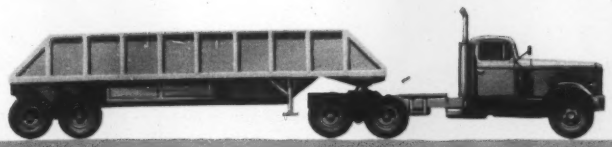


COOK 30-ton bottom-dump truck. Cummins Diesels also available in end-dump and ready-mix units.

DIAMOND T 921 series tractor with low-boy trailer. Ten Diamond T models available with Cummins Diesel engines.



OSHKOSH trailer-type highway maintenance truck. Oshkosh makes 11 other trucks available with Cummins power.



WHITE 35-ton bottom-dump gravel hauler. One of thirty-four White-built trucks available with Cummins Diesels.

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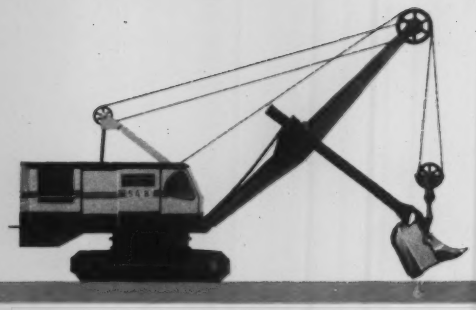
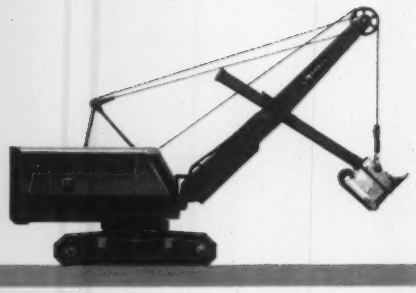
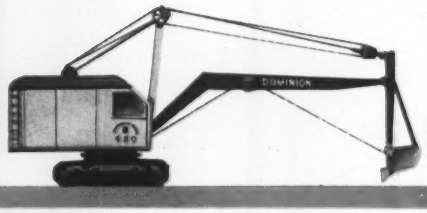


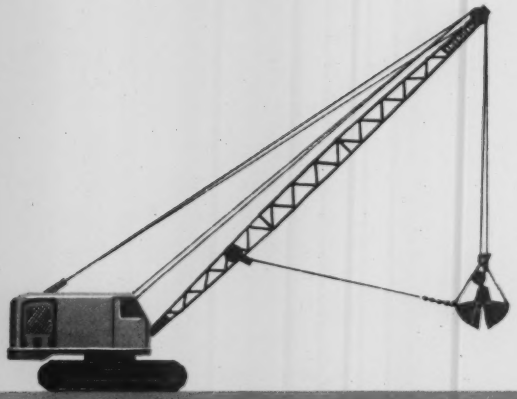
BUCYRUS-ERIE 2½-yard shovel. Cummins Diesels are also available in Bucyrus' 1½- and 4-yard shovels.



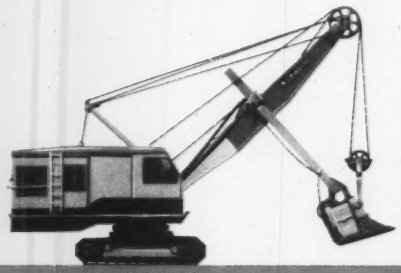
LINK-BELT SPEEDER 2½-yard shovel. Link-Belt Speeder also makes two draglines available with Cummins.



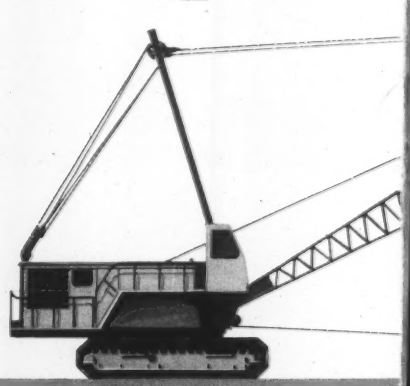
DOMINION backhoe. This unit, convertible to other front-end attachments, is available Cummins powered.



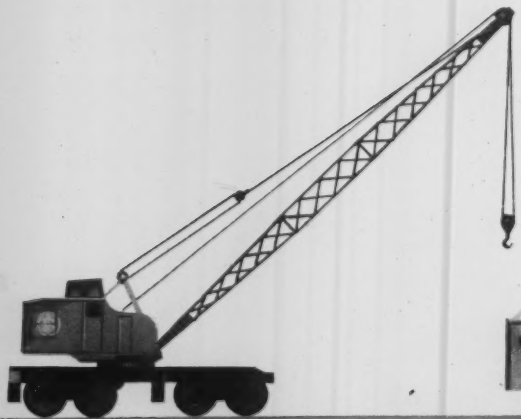
AMERICAN crawler crane. Cummins are available in the 700 series of American shovels, backhoes, and cranes.



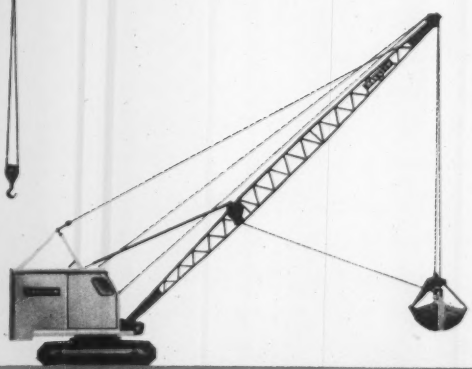
KOEHRING 2½-yard shovel. A 275 h.p. Cummins torque converter package is available in this unit.



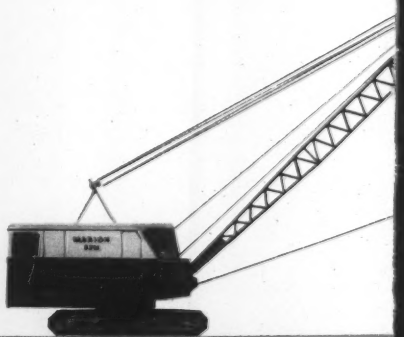
MANITOWOC 5-yard dragline. Manitowoc also powers five shovels (1- to 5-yard) and a crane with Cummins Diesels.



INDUSTRIAL BROWN-HOIST rubber-tired diesel-electric crane. Available in capacities from 25 to 60 tons.



BAY CITY clamshell. Bay City's crane and 1½-yard shovel also feature Cummins Diesels as standard equipment.



MARION dragline. One of three draglines, six shovels (1¼- to 4-yard), two cranes—available with Cummins power.

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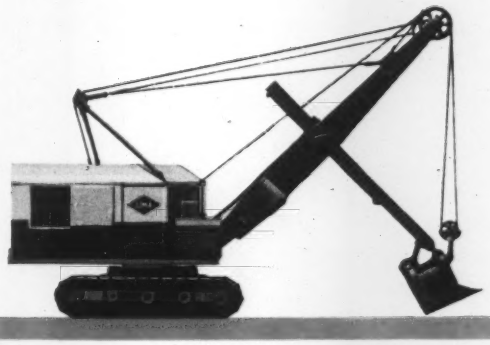
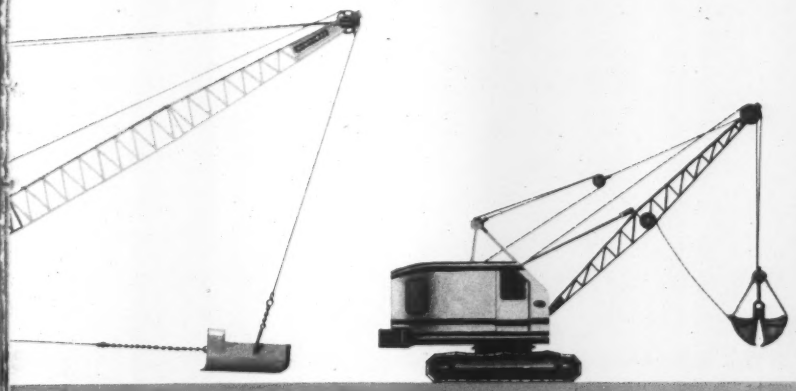
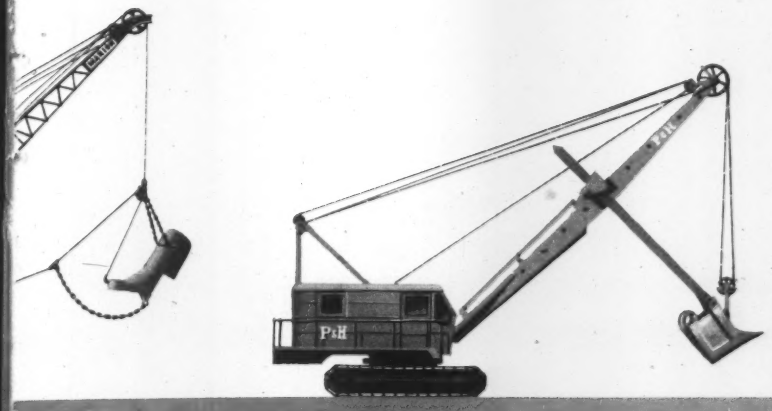
# SHOVELS DRAGLINES CRANES



LIMA 2½-yard shovel. Eight different Lima models (¾- to 4-yard) can be bought equipped with Cummins Diesels.



INSLEY 1-yard clamshell. Also as shovel, hoe, dragline, crane: on crawler, truck, or self-propelled mounting.



P&H model 1055 3½-yard shovel. Also available as a dragline, crane and clamshell. All available Cummins powered.

Cummins Diesels in your shovels, draglines, or cranes assure you of longer equipment life, lower maintenance and fuel costs . . . performance you can count on. That's why leading manufacturers make their ¾- to 5½-yard shovels available with Cummins Diesels.

Cummins engines for mechanical drive shovels have been engineered to include the best torque characteristics, controls, and accessories for each model of machine.

To assure best performance and lowest operating cost, torque converter units have been specially designed by Cummins to fit individual shovel models. Shovels equipped with Cummins torque converter units maintain power without lugging, stalling, or overspeeding. On the job, they have increased production by 30% to 50%. The hydraulic coupling effect of torque converter units also reduces maintenance costs on cables and machinery by absorbing shock loads.

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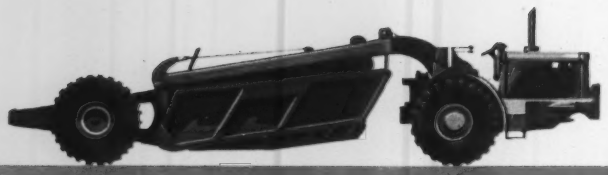
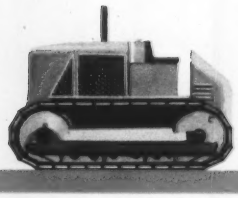
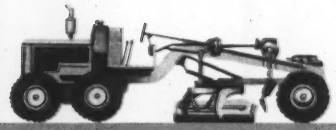


INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER model 75 Payscraper. Model 55 Payscraper is also Cummins powered.

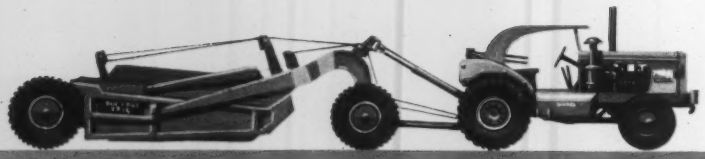


EIMCO model 105 crawler tractor. Eimco also makes a bulldozer and tractor-loader available with Cummins.

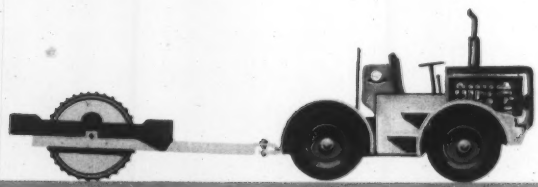
EUCLID loader. This Euclid belt-conveyor can be bought powered by a Cummins Diesel.



ADAMS motor grader. Adams division of Le Tourneau—Westinghouse offers its model 660 powered by Cummins.



M-R-S four-wheel tractor. This is one of four M-R-S tractors available with Cummins Diesels.



WAGNER 4-wheel drive tractor with sheepsfoot. One of two rubber-tired tractors available Cummins powered.

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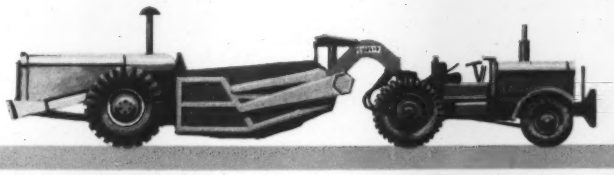
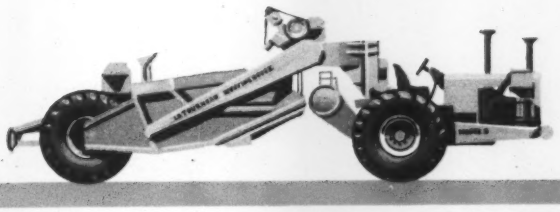
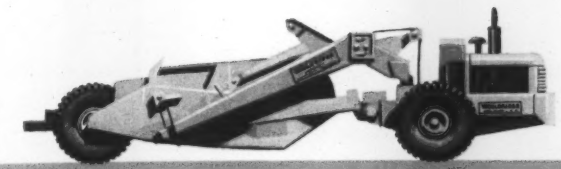
# TRACTORS GRADERS SCRAPERS LOADERS



EUCLID 18-yard twin-engine scraper. One of three Euclid scrapers you can buy powered by Cummins.



LE TOURNEAU-WESTINGHOUSE "B" Tournapull. Cummins also powers the "C" and a Tournatractor.



WOOLDRIDGE 18-yard "Terra Cobra" scraper. Seven "Terra Cobra" scrapers and dumpers use Cummins power.

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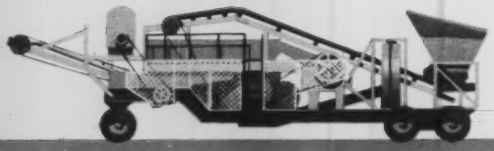
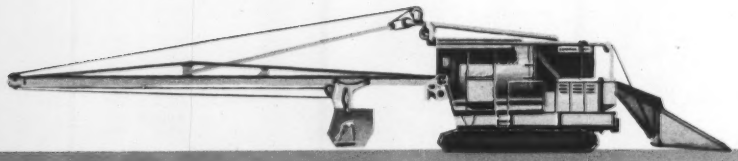
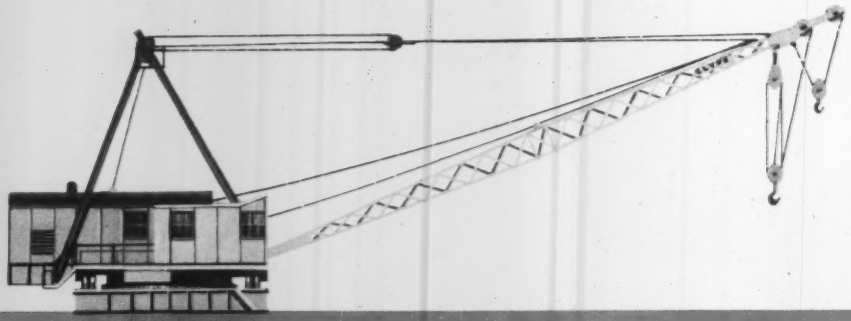


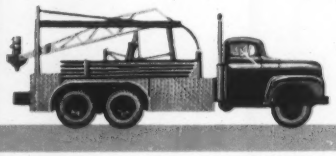
CEDARAPIDS "Commander" rock crusher and screening plant. Available powered by a Cummins 300 h.p. engine.



KOEHRING 34-E paver. It can be bought powered by a Cummins 150 h.p. Diesel.



CLYDE Whirley. Four sizes, from 60,000 lbs. at 25′ radius to 166,000 lbs. at 40′ radius. All use Cummins.



**REICH** REICH rear-mount drilling rig (on IH truck). Cummins 150 h.p. engine powers both the truck and the drill.

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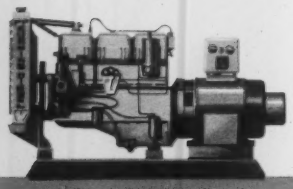

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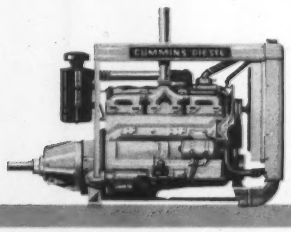


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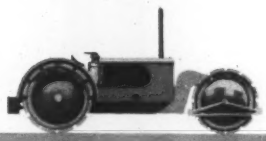

BUFFALO - SPRINGFIELD "Kompactor." Available powered by a Cummins 125 h.p. Diesel engine.

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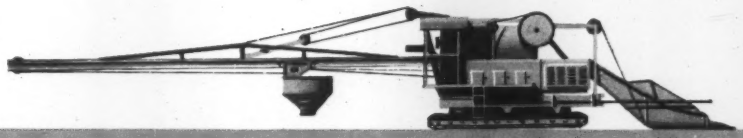

WORTHINGTON-RANSOME 34-E paver. A 150 h.p. Cummins Diesel is standard in this machine.

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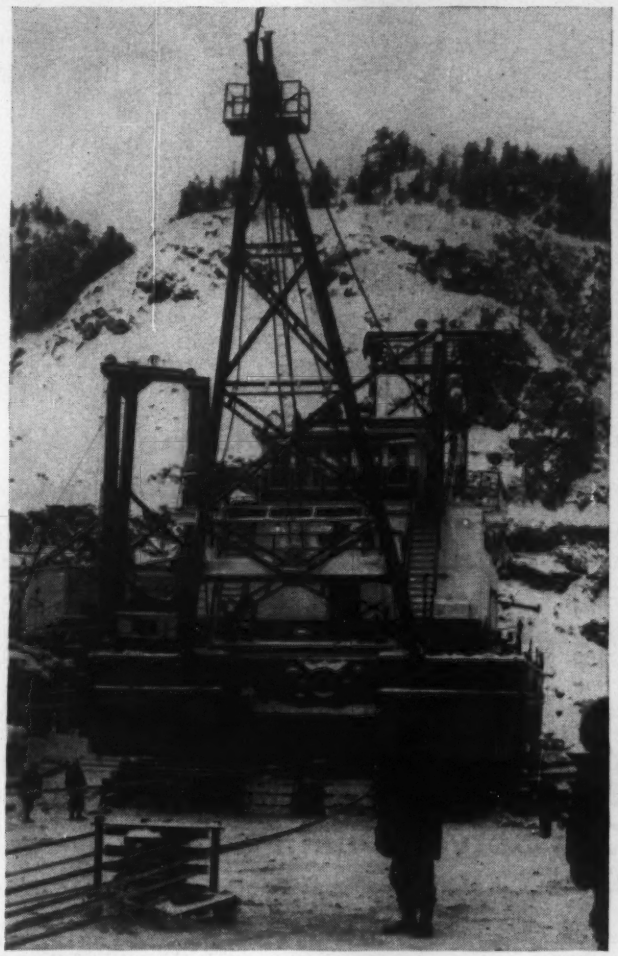

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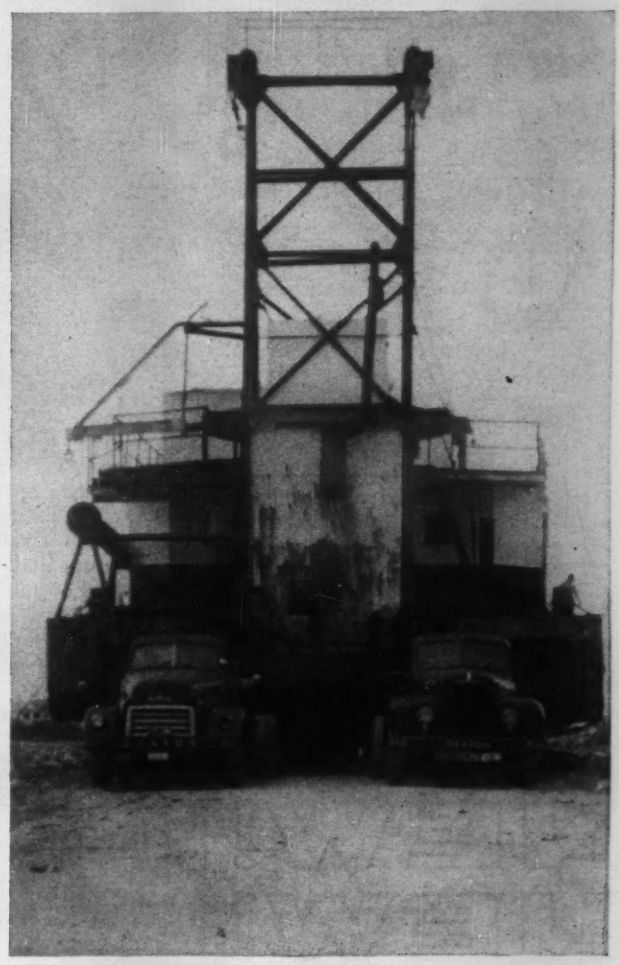

IN SUNNY FLORIDA—on wheels

# Two Ways to Move a Dredge

At Steep Rock Lake in Canada, Construction Aggregates Corp. portaged two 900-ton dredges over 2 miles of rough ground on three undercarriages from crawler cranes. And near Pensacola, Fla., two smaller hydraulic dredges had a smoother 2½-mile haul on flat-bed trailers.

• **At Steep Rock,** the dredges Steep Rock and Marmion had removed 55,000,000 cu yd of overburden from one ore body and had to get on to another.

Full-scale tests first were made in which the 67-ton undercarriage of a 5-cu yd crane was loaded to 300 tons with steel slabs. Three units of this kind then made up the carriage for one dredge, two near the stern and one under the bow.

Movement to conform to haul-road variations was provided for in large pintle bearings transferring the weight of the dredge to the crawler units. Turning was taken care of by tongues on the crawler frames operated by ratchets secured to the dredge hull.

In moving up the 8 to 11% grades of a ramp to the haul road, hoisting machinery aboard the dredge was used —with lines running through blocks to dead men. Also, two tractors pushed and a truck and tractor pulled.

To put the dredge on the crawlers, it was first floated onto submerged timber blocking. Lowering the water level put the dredge on this blocking. Crawlers were put in place underneath; jacks lifted the dredge, then lowered it onto the crawlers; and crawlers were welded to the hull.

Before moving, the dredges were stripped of spuds, ladders and main pumps. The haul was accomplished in 20-deg-below-zero cold, which according to CAC's resident engineer, Charles J. Poppe, complicated things with a lot of ice to be cleared.

• **In Florida** there was no ice to hinder movement of two dredges from the Gulf Intra-Coastal Waterway to the work of pumping fill for a runway extension at Elgin Air Force Base.

First a derrick barge lifted a 100-ton dredge onto timber cribs so that heavy duty trucks could ride underneath. Lowered onto the trucks, the dredge was hauled away—on 56 rubber tires—making up to 5 mph on paved portions of its route. Next a 220-ton dredge was floated in a basin, then left high and dry on cribs to let trucks back underneath. A total of 108 tires bulged under this load.

Smith Engineering and Construction Company, of Pensacola, is the contractor on this work, with Hendry Dredging Corporation, of Rattlesnake, Fla.

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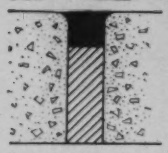

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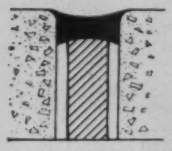

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For the job more than 26 miles of the 5-mil thick tape were consumed—75 rolls per floor. A yellow colored tape was used because its brightness warned workers not to drag heavy objects over the sealed joints prior to pouring the concrete.

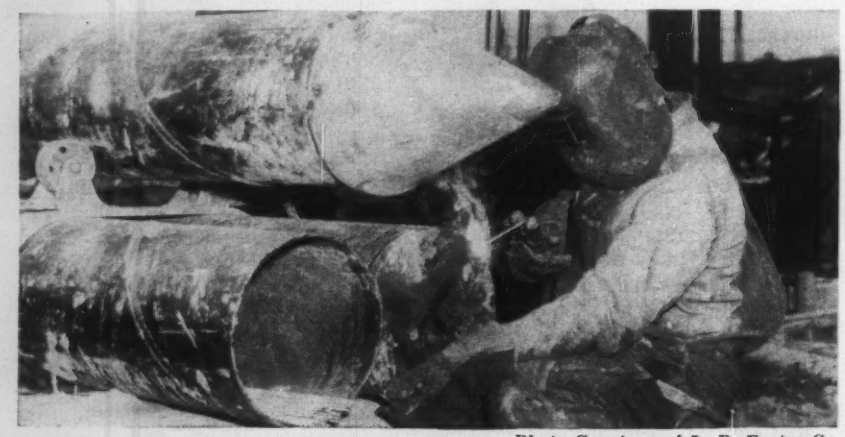
## Flat Pile Cap Serves Dual Purpose

To construct the Mill Creek sewage disposal plant at Cincinnati, the contractor was confronted with the problem of erecting the foundation on an old creek bed that has been subjected to many back-up floods from the Ohio River.

Foundation pipe piles were to be driven to an approximate depth of 41 ft, but because of the marshy base and the desire to obtain the best driving results and bearing characteristics, a flat steel plate was welded onto the bottom of each pile to serve as a driving point.

An additional purpose for welding the flat cap to the bottom of the pile was to eliminate the chance of water being forced into the pile. Freezing and consequent bursting of the pile was a hazard since the early stages of the project were carried out during a below-zero cold spell.

Contractor on the job was the Penker Const. Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio.



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## OBITUARIES

**E. M. Wichert,** 71, inventor of the Wichert continuous truss used on several large bridges, including the Homestead Bridge in Pittsburgh and the Susquehanna River Bridge at Havre de Grace, Md., is dead. Wichert was chief engineer of the Dravo Corporation from 1903 to 1913. Later he headed his own contracting company, which engaged in dam and river work, and the Wichert Bridge Co., which promoted use of the special truss.

**C. Henry Olmsted,** 81, civil engineer and director of public works for East Hartford, Conn., from 1931 to 1945, died April 8. A graduate of Lehigh University, he was elected to Connecticut's general assembly in 1905 and served as clerk of the committee on roads, rivers and bridges. City service included membership in East Hartford's school building committee, town plan commission and the flood control committee.

**Alexander N. Aitken,** former city engineer of Erie, Pa., died April 10. He was employed by the city for 58 years, being named city engineer in 1924 and holding that post until retirement in 1947.

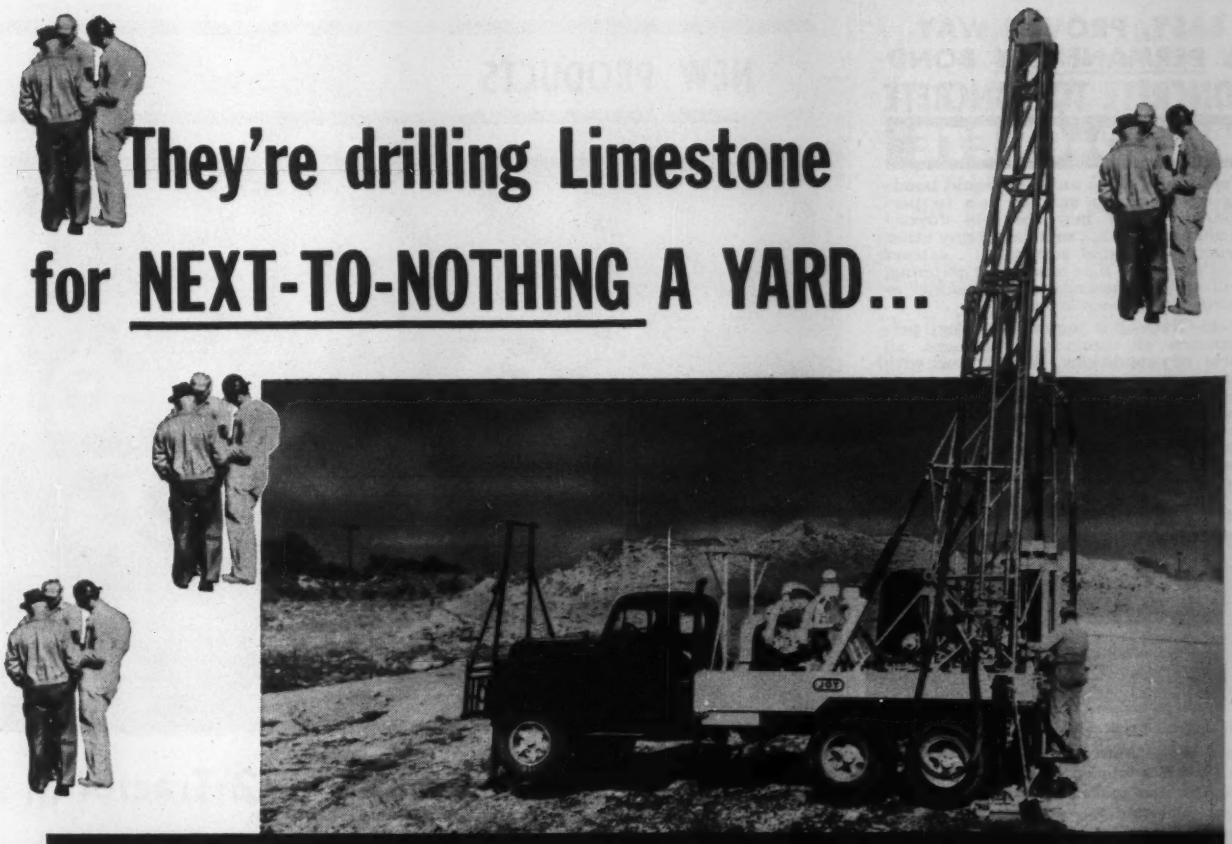
**Theodore L. Condron,** 88, retired consulting engineer, Chicago, died April 14 in that city. He was educated at Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Ind., receiving a B.S. degree in 1890, an M.S. degree in 1892 and a C.E. degree in 1918. For many years his firm, Condron & Post, Chicago, was engaged in consulting work involving railroad and highway bridge design, factories, warehouses.

**Marilyn B. Sheik,** 57, who was in charge of building installations from Hawaii to Guam for Morrison-Knudsen in 1945, died March 29 in Honolulu. He took over the task of completing the $40-million Tripler Army Hospital for M-K in Honolulu during 1946 and 1947. He started his own business, the Sheik Co., in Hawaii in 1947.

**Harry W. Long,** 58, superintendent of the division of streets for Dayton, Ohio, died March 27. He was a private contractor before joining the city's service in 1943.

**Walter R. Tayler,** 52, district materials engineer at Grand Junction for the Colorado Highway Department, died March 12. He had been with the department since 1931.

# They're drilling Limestone for NEXT-TO-NOTHING A YARD...



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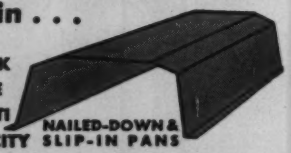

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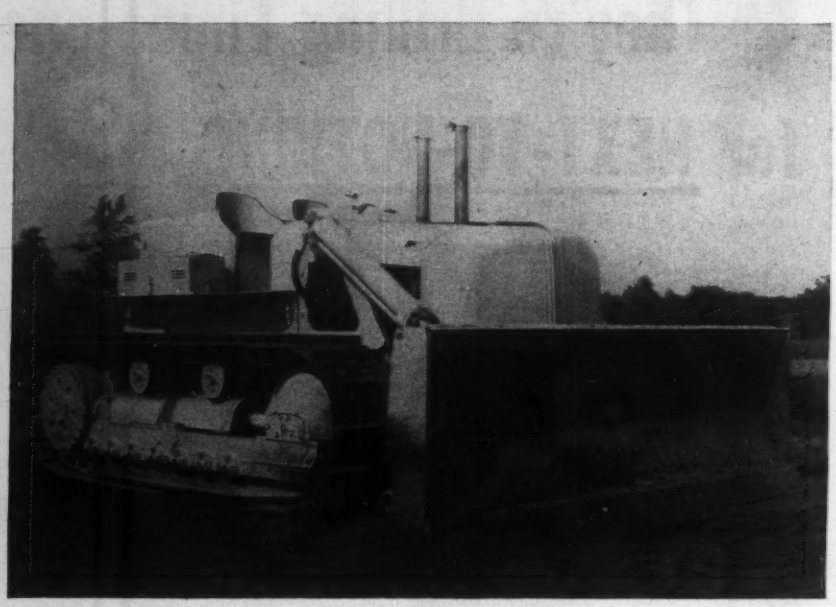


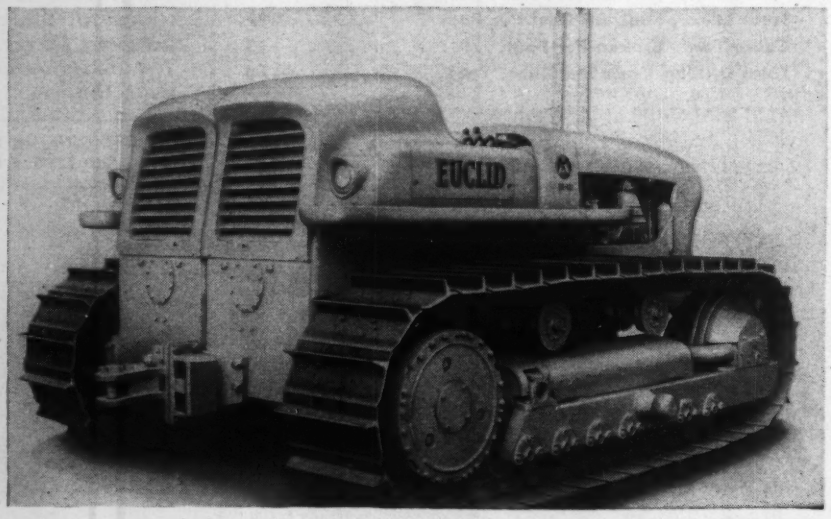
## Euclid's Experimental TC-12 Tractor . . .

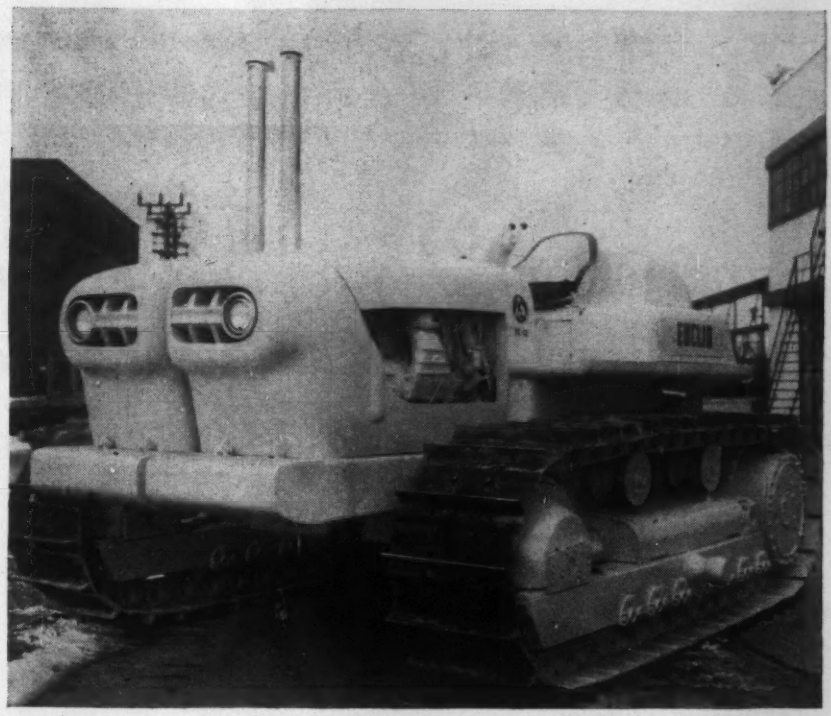
What happens when an automobile manufacturer moves into the earth-moving equipment field? A look at Euclid's TC-12—now in limited production—will give you the answer, but fast. The nameplate on the new crawler may say Euclid, but General Motors screams from every curving contour.

Nearly two years ago when GM acquired Euclid (ENR Aug. 13, 1953, p. 92), the new concept in tractor design was begun. Work on it progressed at such a rapid pace that working models were ready for test and exhibition a year later.

At a showing limited to the press and Euclid distributors (ENR Sept. 30, 1954), the company unveiled a 53,000-lb, dual-dieseled giant that could jump from top speed forward to top speed reverse with the flick of a finger. Of a split design, the tractor was essentially two one-tracked units combined by a 7-in. dia transverse shaft. Each track was powered by its own engine through its own torque converter and transmission. The purpose of the transverse shaft was to permit each section to maintain better contact and therefore better traction over uneven ground.

The basic concept of a twin-engined, split-design crawler has been retained





## In Production With a Modern New Look

in the production model but outward appearance has been remarkably altered. From the clean lines of the engine cowls to the hooded rear lights, the TC-12 is really a classy chassis. Even the paint has been changed from the dull Euclid green to a bright new chartreuse.

But before you get the idea that this is just another glamour gal, take a look at its performance. The two 194-hp diesels drive the tractor through three speed ranges: at 1.5 mph in low, 3.0 in intermediate and 8.3 mph in high. Drawbar pull with normal bulldozer attachments is rated at 69,750 lb.

Since each track is independently powered, the tractor may be "spin-turned" by keeping one track going forward and throwing the other in reverse. Conventional brake and clutch turns may also be made, of course.

Maintaining proper track tension is automatic on the TC-12. A hydraulic jack maintains uniform pressure on the front idler and an accumulator absorbs recoil should a large stone or other object get between the track and sprocket.

Track and carrier rollers, seven on each side, have 1,000-hr lubrication. Barrel-type bearings have wide spacing and self-adjusting face type seals. There are 39 shoes on each track providing ground contact—with 26-in. shoes—of 6,000 sq. in.

Track gauge is 110 in., overall width is 136 in. and overall height is 194 in. Drawbar height is 23 in. and ground clearance is 20 in. Operating weight, bare, is 58,000 lb—5,000 lb greater than the experimental units. EUCLID DIV., GENERAL MOTORS CORP., CLEVELAND 17, OHIO.

### Shell Introduces "Spot" Check on Oil Efficiency

Quick field tests for immediate evaluation of used lubricating oils have been developed by Shell Oil Co. Called the ADC Oilprint Analysis, the series of chromatic spot tests, when viewed by trained technicians, reveal the degree of dispersancy, contamination and basicity of engine lubricants.

To perform the test, a technician puts two drops of oil from an engine's crankcase on a sheet of filter paper and adds a drop of color solution to one of the resulting patterns. Within minutes, the spread of each drop—identifying "fingerprints" of the oil being tested—is ready for analysis. If negative in any aspect, the test may indicate need for a prompt oil change, thus avoiding the possibility of costly engine repairs.

It is emphasized that the analyses must be conducted by trained personnel and for this reason, the company will limit its availability to maintenance supervisors of large fleets.

Although the prime function of the ADC Oilprint Analysis Service is to ascertain proper oil-change intervals for individual engines, the tests reportedly have cut the cost of engine maintenance by disclosing mechanical defects before they caused engine failure. SHELL OIL CO., 50 W. 50TH ST., NEW YORK 20, N. Y.

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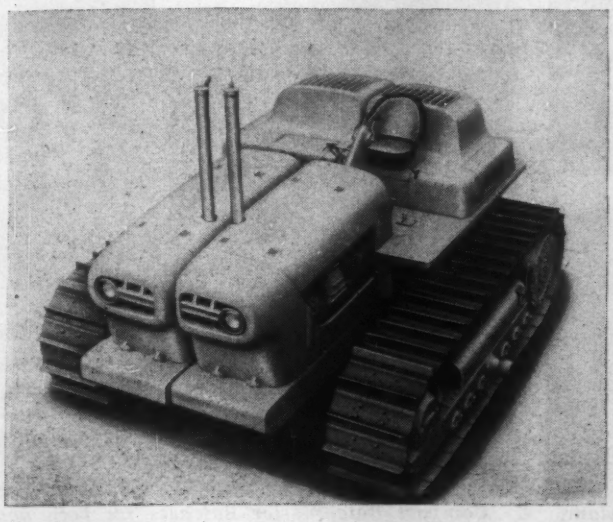
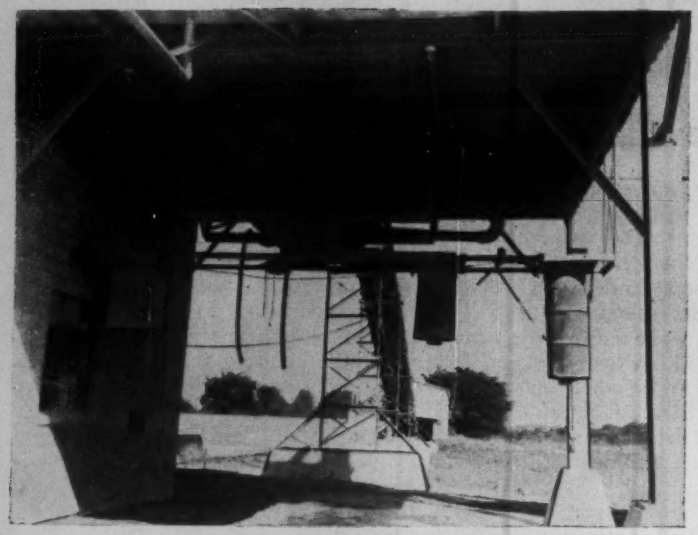
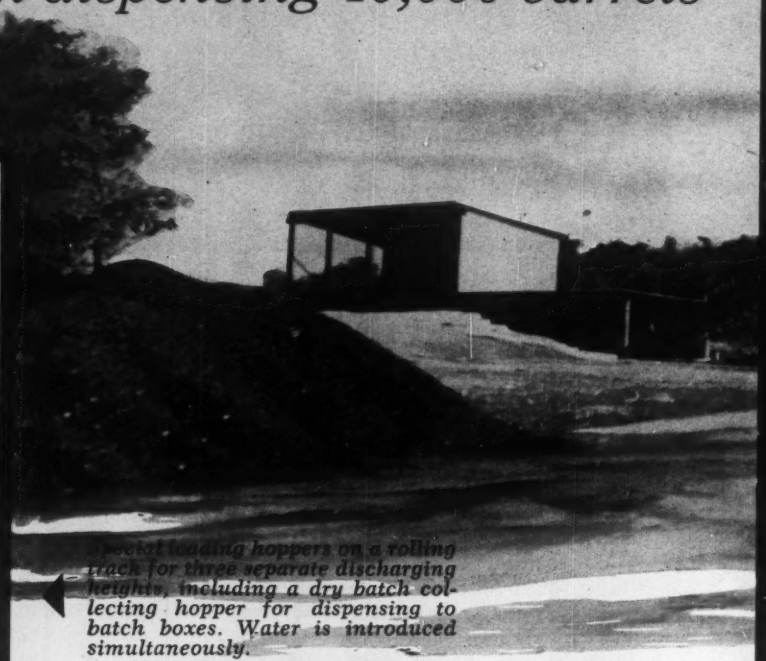


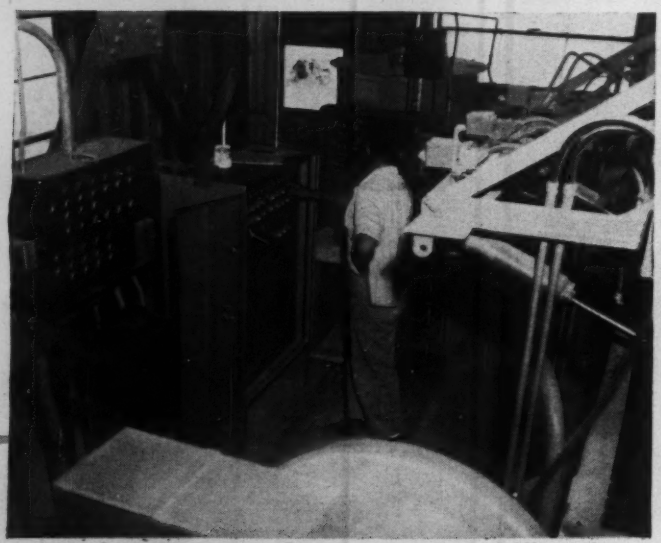
# Why Batch Away YOUR

## *Midwest Supply Company finds New Heltzel Automatic Cement Plant with Batchmaster Batcher has perfect record in dispensing 40,000 barrels –*

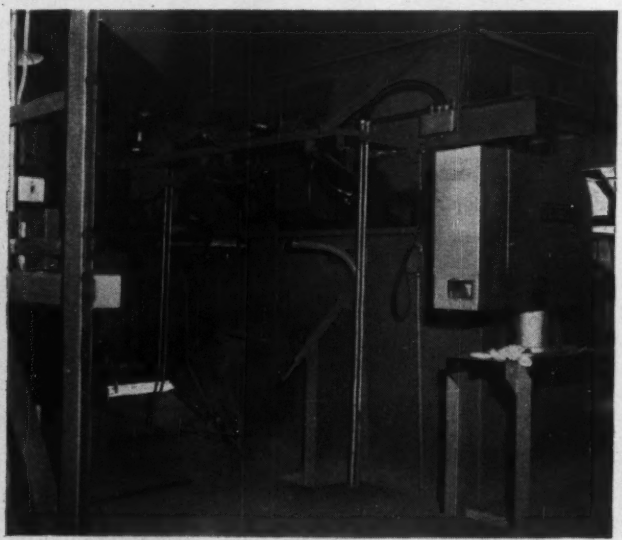




*Bucket loading hoppers on a rolling track for three separate discharging heights, including a dry batch collecting hopper for dispensing to batch boxes. Water is introduced simultaneously.*



*A single operator controls entire operation of filling plant, measuring and dispensing. He can weigh all materials, including water and discharge 5½ yards of concrete in 30 seconds.*



*Compact Batchmaster Batchers for both aggregate and cement. Cement Batcher is sealed. Aggregate Batcher features air-operated clamshell gates. Sealed weighing apparatus has automatic recording device.*

# PROFITS?

*Completely designed and built by Heltzel, this combination plant represents the most efficient concrete batching equipment available today.*

Roadbuilder or blockmaker—transit or central mix if you use cement and/or aggregate batching plants you know the value of a fast, accurate operation. That's why this story may interest you—for it's another report of how Heltzel superior batching equipment saved the profits for another plant operator.

Boardman Supply Co., Youngstown, O., checked the record after batching some 44,000 bbls. of cement through their Heltzel Combination Plant. The record: a 15 bbl. plus—the result the average cement producers normally provide in their shipments. What makes this story even more amazing is the fact that Boardman was batching small amounts (600 lb. average) on a 5000 lb. scale.

As for speed, Boardman can weigh out *5½ yards of dry material, and the necessary water in 14 seconds—discharge it in 17 seconds.* As for handling savings, they can *put together all materials necessary for batching a yard of concrete for less than four and one-half cents.*

Heltzel designed and built the entire operation to give Boardman the most efficient set-up possible. It consists of four 65-ton aggregate storage bins at grade level. The bins are equipped with interlocked air-operated gates to prevent the mingling of materials. The bin discharges the aggregates onto a Heltzel Belt Feeder which carries them to a Heltzel Inclined Conveyer, which transports them to the top of the plant. Here they are distributed by a motorized turnhead into the proper compartment. Bin signals indicate aggregate level in the plant.

A cement hopper feeds into a Heltzel Screw Conveyer. A Heltzel Elevator carries the cement to the top of the plant where it is discharged either into the sealed cement compartment or into a recirculator. Cement is weighed and discharged through a sealed Heltzel Batchmaster. *All operations are automatically controlled from a single station that requires but one operator.*

This story can be duplicated whether your needs are for a single or multiple material plant, stationary or portable, for yard or highway use. Why not make sure you have the fastest, most accurate equipment possible. Don't chance losing time and profits with inferior equipment. *Specify Batchmaster Plants by Heltzel.*

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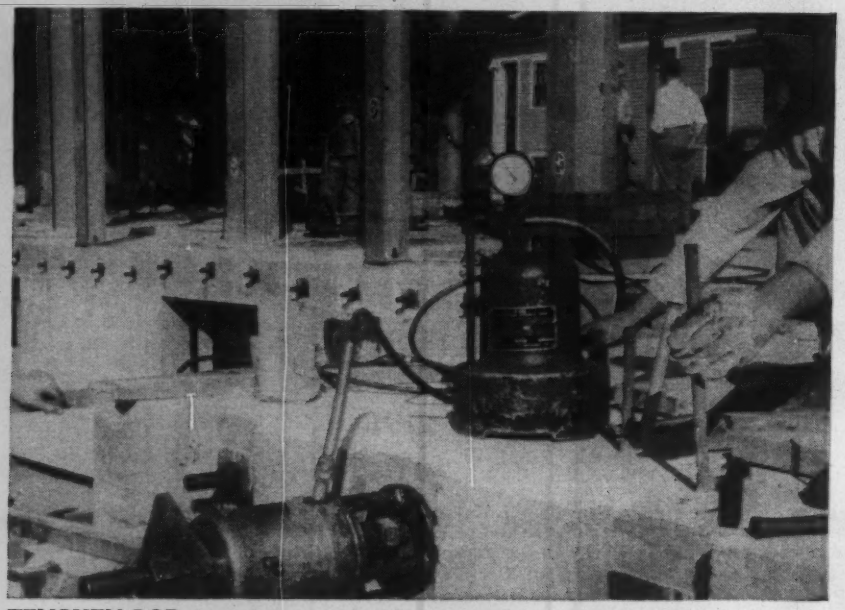

TENCHEN ROD (center) is stressed with pump and hydraulic ram with adapter. Rod at right has not yet been stressed while those at left show completed stressing.

# Prestressed Grid Slab Spans 44 Feet

St. Stanislaus Church in Bristol, Conn., features one of the longest prestressed slab spans in the U. S. Of unbonded, postensioned construction, it uses high tensile heat treated steel rods with upset threaded ends.

The rods, tradenamed Tenchen, have a minimum ultimate strength of 180,000 psi and have upset ends which are rated at least 17.5% stronger than the bar itself. Upsets are provided with standard threads and high tensile heat treated nuts.

The prestressing operation consists of pulling the bars up to the proper stress and elongation, running the nut up against the bearing plate and releasing.

On the Bristol project, the clear span between column lines is 44 ft and was designed for 60 psf live load and 35 psf for a superimposed dead load. Of a grid design, one 1⅛-in. Tenchen bar was required for each of the ribs which are 2 ft o.c. TENCHEN CORP., 101 W. DEDHAM ST., BOSTON.

## Road Rollers Get Torque Converters for Smoothness

A new series of 8 to 12 and 10 to 14-ton tandem rollers is equipped with torque converter drive.

The torque converter prevents engine lugging during heavy starts or sudden load increases, and shock-loads and torsional variations are absorbed.

Steady speeds are maintained at any selected speed from 1 to 5 mph, and shifting is eliminated. Through the cushioned drive of fluid, the torque converter provides a flow of power that reportedly reduces roll slippage and the shocks and surges of reversing.

The rollers are powered by heavy-duty, industrial-type engines that are said to develop ample torque over a wide operating range to accommodate all grade and material conditions. The engine compartment is enclosed for dust-tight operation.

The control panel of the tandems is designed to simplify the operator's job and make it possible for him to be more alert to precise compaction requirements. BUFFALO-SPRINGFIELD ROLLER CO., SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

## Caterpillar Diesel Engine Has Number of Improvements

The D339, a 125-hp, 1,200 rpm, 4-cyl, valve-in-head diesel engine, has been introduced in the Caterpillar line.

This unit, a 5¾-in. bore and 8-in. stroke engine, replaces the discontinued D8800 in the line and offers 25% more horsepower and operates at 200 more rpm than the D8800.

One of the new features on the D339 is an engine balancer that reportedly permits the four-cylinder engine to operate at 1,200 rpm with the same degree of smoothness as a six-cylinder design. Two off-set weights rotate at twice engine speed and are so timed that they eliminate unbalanced forces inherent in all four-cylinder engines.

The engine is offered with a choice of three different types of starting systems—air, direct electric and gasoline engine. Electric starting for the gasoline starting engine is also available.

Most of the oil lines have been placed inside the block, simplifying removal of the head and eliminating other service problems connected with exterior oil lines. This also gives the engine a neater appearance.

A new design of oil pump is introduced with this engine. Driven from the balancer drive, this pump is the pressure bypass type pump instead of

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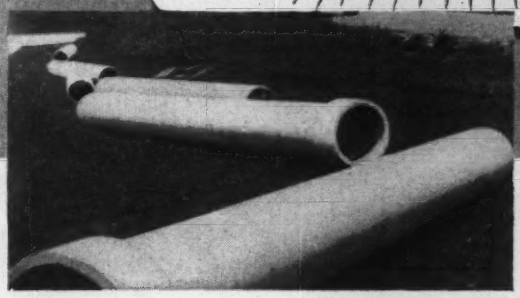

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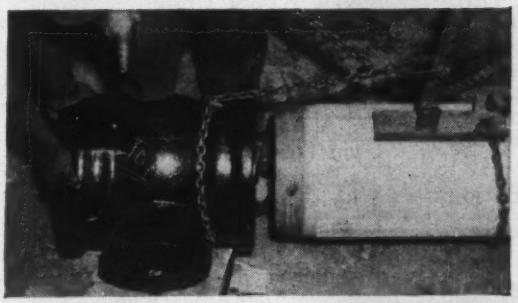

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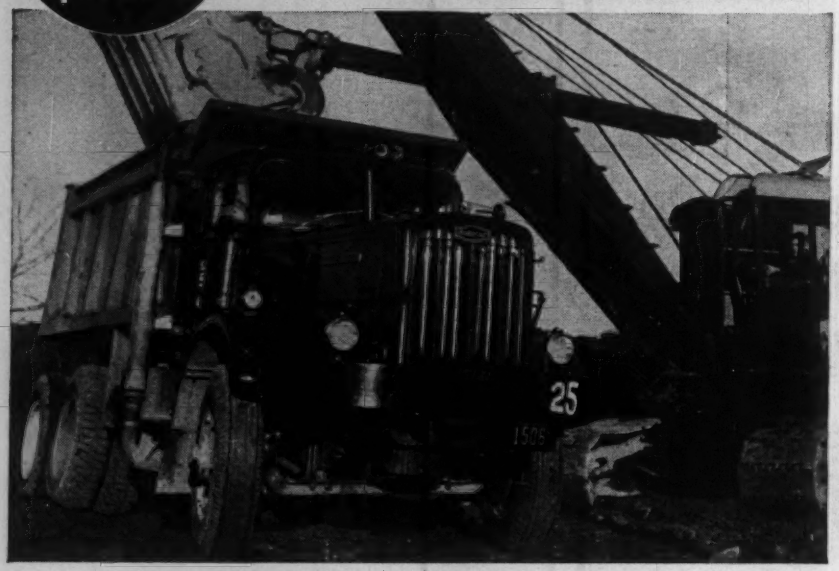

## • Emergency Brakes for Trucks, Motorized Equipment
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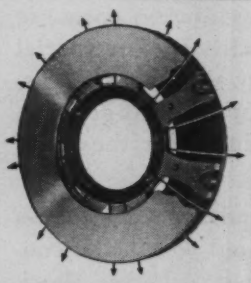
TRU-STOP disc type brakes have long been the outstanding choice for emergency brakes on heavy duty trucks and tractors. Their outstanding advantages are now causing them to be used to brake cable drums on cranes, shovels and other construction equipment.



**Longer Lining Life**

• The terrific heat generated in braking cuts lining life. TRU-STOPS quickly dissipate this heat. Most of the disc is exposed to the air even during braking. And a cooling jet of air circulates through the disc, prolongs lining life.

**Real Emergency Brakes.** On motorized equipment TRU-STOPS *are real emergency brakes—not just parking brakes.* They serve as auxiliary brakes on long down-grades and can bring the vehicle to a quick stop if service brakes suddenly fail. They prevent accidents by insuring quick positive stops in emergency situations.

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the controlled inlet version. Because of the elimination of the external oil lines, a new type of oil filter base adapter was designed. A larger oil manifold has been put on this engine to reduce restriction from the oil filter base into this manifold.

There are innovations in the fuel system too. These include a new injection pump, injection lines and capsule-type valves. Further, low-cost impregnated paper filter elements have been introduced in this engine.

A high capacity water pump and larger cylinder block water passages also have been added.

The D339 standard industrial engine has a governor designed to give 10% speed regulation between no load and full load throughout the entire speed range of the engine. CATERPILLAR TRACTOR CO., PEORIA.

### 3,500-Watt Generator Uses Aluminum for Light Weight

A portable 3,500-w generator is said to be one-third lighter and smaller than any model now available in its capacity.

Named the Hamco 350-D, the unit is rated at 115/230 v ac, 60 cycles and will take a starting load of 5000 w. Total weight is 210 lbs.

Ac and dc circuits filter through a condenser to minimize interference, eliminate sparking of brushes and to prolong brush and commutator life. The end bells of the generator are of aluminum alloy and the unit is mounted on aluminum channels.

The 350-D has been designed for portability as well as for rapid repair; brush changes may be made in less than 10 minutes. It has a double V-belt drive, shielded ignition system and drip proof generator. The engine is shock mounted. HAMDEN MACHINE PRODUCTS, INC., 44 KENDALL ST., NEW HAVEN, CONN.

### Plastic Instrument Has a Number of Drafting Uses

A drawing instrument called the Alvin Triangle-Draft Meter functions as: a large 10-in. 45/90-deg triangle; combined 30 and 60-deg angles; a 10-in. graduated protractor; a half scale in 32nds; a full scale in 16ths; a lettering guide; circle template with 33 circle guides from $\frac{3}{32}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ in.

The instrument is made of acrylic vinyl plastic, .075 in. thick. It is said to be rigid, durable, extremely ductile and shatter-proof, and its laminated graduations are sharp and clear and will never wear off. Price is $4.75 each. ALVIN & CO., WINDSOR, CONN.

# SPECIAL BARGE DESIGN PAYS OFF IN HAULAGE SAVINGS

Chesapeake Corporation of Virginia hauls pulpwood by barge from its pine forest lands in the Chesapeake Bay area to its West Point, Virginia, papermill. For years, converted ships were used for this purpose. These vessels required lots of maintenance, were difficult to unload and had to be cleaned out by hand.

To improve its handling of pulpwood, the company overhauled its entire system of transportation, unloading and processing. As a part of this program, two 190-ft Dravo-built barges were added to the fleet. These barges were developed through Dravo's "Round-Table" planning method which combines operating experience with engineering and construction knowledge to produce the best barges for the job.

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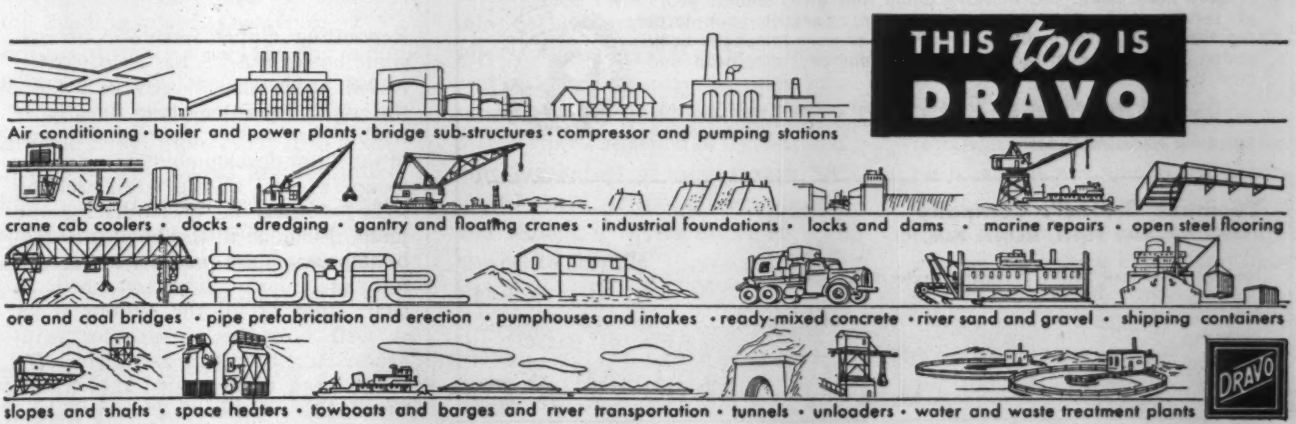
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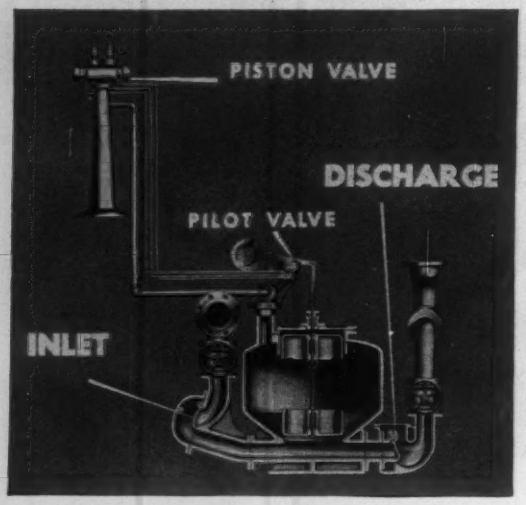


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# PUBLICATIONS

**Product catalog** – A 16-page catalog contains the information on the line of Haas automatic pressure tanks, frost-proof yard hydrants, and frost-proof water closets. The products are shown with illustrations and roughing measurements and variations to fit other purposes. List prices are shown in the catalog and a plumbers' net price sheet is found into the catalog for reference and convenience in ordering. Catalog 55. — The Philip Haas Co., Dayton 2, Ohio.

**Residential windows** – Ten points to consider in choosing windows for a home are presented in a new circular "Selecting Windows." Discussed are each type from the standpoints of hardware, ventilation, view, weather tightness, maintenance and ease in washing. The publication is one of a series resulting from a study of windows under a research grant by the Lumber Dealers Research Council. Price 10 cents.—Small Homes Council, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

**Clay products** – The new Structural Clay Products Catalog features over 350 standard modular shapes and sizes of unglazed brick and tile. All units shown are in conformance with modular measure, the dimensioning system designed to cut down waste in construction and detailing.—Clay Products Assn. of the Southwest, Perry-Brooks Bldg., Austin, Tex.

**Lighting standards**—A new catalog on the line of weldforged street lighting standards, mast arms and brackets includes specifications and working drawings. The booklet also includes sections on traffic signal standards, overhead wiring, possible modifications of existing standards, and also pull-top arrangement. — Kerrigan Iron Works, Inc., Nashville, Tenn.

**Repointing dipper teeth** – A revised guide book, WA-77, has been written to aid power shovel users in picking the right repointer style for dipper teeth. The booklet incorporates some of the latest developments in repointer design as well as the latest welding rods for attaching or hardfacing the teeth. Included in the book is a step-by-step procedure on how to successfully use points. Sizes are shown in chart form of all the various styles as well as suggested uses for manganese steel bars, flats and plate.—Ed Wegerson, American Manganese Steel Div., Chicago Heights, Ill.

# 2 seasons in SAND cost only $298 for tire repairs

## Track costs would be prohibitive, says owner

F. S. WARD Company, Clarkston, Michigan, use this high-speed rubber-tired Tournatractor to handle all tractor jobs at their sand and gravel pit near Pontiac.

### Delivers about 200 yds. hourly

The tractor's chief assignment is dozing in sand to dragline for loading feeding plant. On typical 175′ dozing distance, the 186 hp unit moves 4 to 4½ bank yards of sand and gravel per pass. Push forward is made at 3½ mph. Back-up is made at 8 mph. No time is lost for shifting . . . flick of selector lever changes speeds instantly through constant-mesh transmission and torque converter. Average cycle takes only 1.1 minutes. Unit delivers 45 loads (approximately 180 to 200 bank yards) per 50-minute hour.

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## NEW ENGLAND

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **Mass., Boston**—CLASSROOM and LABORATORY—BA 5/5—Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Ave., (selected list bidders), classroom-laboratory Huntington Ave. $1,500,000. Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson & Abbott, 1 Court St., Boston, archts. CD 1/13.

▲ **Mass., Wellesley**—SCHOOL—BA 5/12—Town, School Dpt., Rice St., Senior High School addn. $1,000,000. Perry, Shaw & Hepburn, Kehoe & Dean, 31 St. James Ave., Boston, archts. CD 1/6/54.

**Conn., Norwich**—SCHOOL—BA 5/24—City, School Bldg. Comn., Norwich, Central Elementary School. $640,000. Chandler & Palmer, 16 Franklin St., archts. CD 12/7/51.

SOON LETS CONTRACT—BUILDINGS

**Mass., Natick**—PLANT—General Electric Realty Corp., 202 State St., Schenectady, N. Y., soon lets contract mfg. plant. $500,000. Stone & Webster Eng. Corp., 49 Federal St., Boston, engrs.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **MAINE**—State Hy. Comn., State House, Augusta,
**H. E. Sargent, Inc.,** Stillwater, Me. CA $1,181,927. b. conc. road and bridge 3.733 mi. F.A. Proj. F 015-1 (1) and F FG-015-1 (2), "15" Winthrop. Bids Apr. 13. CD 3/29.

▲† **The Lane Constr. Corp.,** Box 911, Meriden, Conn. LB $3,484,269. aircraft pavements, etc., Dow Air Force Base, ENG-19-016-55-72, BANGOR, ME. U. S. Eng., 857 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. Bids Apr. 14. CD 3/28.

▲ **MASSACHUSETTS**—Massachusetts Turnpike Auth., 80 Boylston St., Boston, Zone 16,
**Henley-Lundgren Co.,** 193 Hartford Pike, Shrewsbury, Mass. LB $1,500,182. Contr. 51-073 hy. and bridge constr., Sturbridge. Bids Apr. 14. CD 3/21.

▲ **MASSACHUSETTS** — Massachusetts Turnpike Auth., 80 Boylston St., Boston, Zone 16,
**Berlanti Constr. Co.,** 15 Oakland Ave., Harrison, N. Y. LB $3,584,173. Contr. No. 51-054, hy. and bridge, Palmer. Bids Apr. 12. CD 3/15.

† **Frouge Constr. Co., Inc.,** 141 North Ave., Bridgeport, Conn., LB, $847,675, special AAA facilities (Fairfield) Bridgeport Area, CONNECTICUT. U. S. Eng., 857 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. Bids Apr. 12. CD 3/30.

### BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

**J. S. Nasin Co.,** North Windham Rd., Willimantic, Conn., LB, $611,000. East Great Plain Elementary SCHOOL, New London Turnpike, NORWICH, CONN. City, City Hall, Norwich, Conn. Bids Apr. 12. CD 3/15.

## MIDDLE ATLANTIC

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

▲ **N. J., New Brunswick**—BA 5/20—Middlesex County Sewerage Auth., 103 Bayard St., Contract No. 12, incl. 10,700 ft. 84 in. outfall sewer on land and 6,500 ft. in Raritan Bay; 3,600 ft. 8 in. water mains, 3,300 ft. access road and appurtenant work. Plans deposit $25. Metcalf & Eddy, 1300 Statler Bldg., Boston 16, Mass., engrs.; adv ENR 4/28. CD 10/30/53.

▲ **N. J., New Brunswick**—BA 6/3—Middlesex County Sewerage Auth., 103 Bayard St., Contr. No. 15, central treatment plant-general; Contr. No. 15A, structural steel and misc. iron; Contr. No. 15B, plumbing, gas fitting, process piping and pumping; Contr. No. 15C, heating and ventilating; Contr. No. 15D, electrical work for central treatment plant. Plans deposits Contract No. 15, $90; 15A $25; 15B $55; 15C $20; 15D $50. Metcalf & Eddy, 1300 Statler Bldg., Boston, 16, Mass., engrs.; adv. ENR 4/28. CD 10/30/53.

▲ **N. Y., Brooklyn**—PIERS REHABILITATION—BA 6/23—U. S. Eng., 111 E. 16 St., New York, Zone 3, rehabilitation of Piers at Brooklyn Army Base. $1,000,000-$3,000,000. Leonard S. Wegman, Grand Central Terminal Bldg., New York, Zone 17, archt. CD 10/15/52.

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **Md., Towson**—SCHOOL—BA 5/11—Baltimore Co. Bd. Educ., Aigburth Rd., masonry Dumbarton Junior High School Dumbarton Rd., west of York Rd.; north of Baltimore, $1,250,000. Plans deposit $50, Smith & Veale, 2127 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Zone 18, archts.

▲† **Md., Camp Detrick**—LABORATORY—BA 6/8—U. S. Eng., First and Douglas St. N.W., Wash. 25, D. C., S.O. Division Biological Laboratory with air-incinerator bldg., ENG-49-080-55-11 (9), Est. $5,000,000. CD 4/6.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **American Locomotive Co.,** 30 Church St., New York, N. Y., LB $563,429 (1) Long Sault Dam; LB $476,509 (2) Iroquois Dam; LB $1,017,183 (3) combination furnishing towers, guides, sills and dogs for all spillway gates at Long Sault Dam and for all control gates, Iroquois Dam, Spec. No. PA 5-15078, St. Lawrence Contr. No. P9, NEW YORK. Power Authority of the State of New York, 270 Broadway, New York. Bids Apr. 13. CD 4/5.

▲ **Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp.,** 260 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., and **Savin Constr. Corp.,** 10 Village St., East Hartford, Conn., LB $36,328,260. constr. Barnhart Island Power Plant, near Massena, St. Lawrence Co., Spec. PA 5-11001, St. Lawrence Contr. No. 9, NEW YORK. The Power Authority of the State of New York, 270 Broadway, New York 27, N. Y. Bids Apr. 15. CD 2/21.

▲ **NEW YORK**—Jones Beach State Parkway Auth., Admin. Headquarters, Belmont Lake State Park, Babylon,
**Hendrickson Bros., Inc.,** 63 N. Central Ave., Valley Stream, N. Y., LB $2,133,425, Contr. 3A, grading, drainage, paving, grade separations for exten. Meadowbrook State Park, East Gate Blvd. to Northern State Parkway, Nassau Co. Bids Apr. 12. CD 3/25.

▲ **NEW YORK**—Triborough Bridge & Tunnel Auth., Admin. Bldg., Randall's Island, New York, Zone 35,
**Nassau-Mascali Constr. Corp.,** 69-34 51 Ave., Woodside, N. Y., LB $2,244,250, base; LB $2,222,147, Alt. for Contr. CB-2, grading, drainage, utilities, paving, Linden Blvd. to Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn and Queens Boros. Bids Apr. 14. CD 3/29.

▲ **Westinghouse Air Brake Co.,** 350 Fifth Ave., New York 1, N. Y., LB $6,499,325, furnishing, installing block signalling and interlocking equipment for Rockaway Line south of north Channel Drawbridge to Far Rockaway and to Rockaway Park, IND. DIV., Queens Boro., NEW YORK. New York City Transit Auth., 370 Jay St., Brooklyn 1, N. Y. Bids Apr. 14. CD 3/14

▲† **Dutcher Constr. Corp.,** Queenstown, Md., CA $2,197,843, excavate 2,575,000 cu. yd. material for Grass River Lock, Seaway; 2,700 ft. and 4,800 ft. dikes, near Massena, CIV-ENG-30-023-55-54, NEW YORK. U. S. Eng., Engineer Park, Niagara and Bridge Sts., Buffalo 7, N. Y. Bids Mar. 25, awarded Apr. 11. CD 3/29 under LB.

† **E. J. Albrecht,** 2626 W. 26 St., Chicago, Ill. LB $817,480, local flood protection proj. channel imprv., North Branch, Potomac River Sect. 1, Cumberland, Md. and Ridgely, W. Va., CIVENG-49-080-55-46, MARYLAND and WEST VIRGINIA. U. S. Eng., First and Douglas Sts. N.W., Wash., D. C. Bids Apr. 13. CD 3/18.

### BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Stone & Webster Engineering Corp.,** 49 Federal St., Boston 7, Mass. Design, Supervise and Construct;
**General Electric Co.,** River Rd., Schenectady 1, N. Y. CA, 200,000 kw. turbo generator;
**Combustion Engineering, Inc.,** 200 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y., CA, boiler for expansion of Huntley Steam Electric GENERATING STATION, in nearby township of Tonawanda. BUFFALO, N. Y. Total est. $30,000,000. Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., 300 Erie Blvd. W., Syracuse, N. Y. CD 1/24.

▲ **Brentwood in the Pines,** c/o Alwin Cassens, Jr., archt., 145 S. Franklin Ave., Valley Stream, N. Y. Owner Builds. $2,400,000. 200 HOUSES, 50-acre tract Washington Ave., BRENTWOOD, N. Y.

▲ **Surrey Oaks Homes,** c/o Herman H. York, archt., 90-04 161 St.; Jamaica, N. Y. Owner Builds. $1,250,000. 45 HOUSES, Sawyer Ave. and Springfield Blvd., HOLLISWOOD, N. Y.

▲ **Vidoni Estates,** c/o John J. Braglia, 1601 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont, N. Y. Owner Builds. $2,000,000. 140 houses, 75-acre tract Larkfield Rd. and Cedar St., HUNTINGTON, N. Y.

▲ **Joseph P. Blitz, Inc.,** 150 E. 39 St., New York 16, N. Y., CA est. $1,500,000. 19 story OFFICE, 635 Madison Ave., northeast corner 59 St., NEW YORK, N. Y. 635 Madison Ave. Corp., c/o contractor. Emery Roth & Sons, 575 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y. archts.

▲ **Avenue Building Corp.,** B. G. King, pres., Ellicott Square Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y. Own Forces. $2,000,000. 28-30 STORE SHOPPING PLAZA, on 27-acre tract, Delaware Ave.; $1,500,000, 92 HOMES, parking for 500 cars, TONAWANDA, N. Y. Backus, Crane & Love, 232 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., engrs.-archts.

▲ **Cedarbrook Homes, Inc.,** 1454 Greenwood Ave., Phila. Pa., Separate Contracts. $1,250,000. 80 RESIDENCES, Chalfont Dr., PHILA., PA.

▲ **John McShain, Inc.,** 17 and Spring Garden Sts., Phila. 30, Pa., CA Est. $2,500,000, long lines central OFFICE BLDG., WAYNE, PA. American Telephone & Telegraph Co., 400 Hamilton Ave., White Plains, N. Y. Bids Apr. 6. CD 3/18.

▲ **Whitemarsh Downs, Inc.,** 7444 Washington Lane, Elkins Park, Pa. Separate Contracts. $1,064,000. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, Washington Lane, WYNCOTE, PA.

**Parker Constr. Co.,** 2408 Aisquith St., Baltimore 18, Md. LB $957,000. concrete, steel, masonry Cherry Hill Elementary SCHOOL, BALTIMORE, MD. City, Bureau Bldg. Constr., 410 Municipal Bldg., Baltimore 2, Md. Bids Apr. 13. CD 3/30.

**Kem Builders, Inc.,** 145 Kennedy St. N.W., Wash. D. C. Owner Builds. $520,000, 40 brick split-level rambler HOMES in Murray Hill subdivison, OXEN HILL, MD. J. D'Epagnier, 1004 Ripley St., Silver Spring, Md., archt.

**John Tester & Son,** 1620 Second St. S.W., Wash., D. C. LB $996,494, est. $750,000. John Hanson Junior High SCHOOL replacing proposed Sheriff Knoll's Junior High School, Seat Pleasant, UPPER MARLBORO, MD. Dpt. Educ., Prince George's Co., Upper Marlboro, Md. Bids Apr. 12. CD 3/25.

### PROJECTS COVERED

#### By Size

Construction projects here reported cover the United States and Canada, are of these minimum sizes or larger: water supply, earthwork, waterways $44,000; other public works $73,000; industrial buildings $93,000; other buildings $344,000. Also Foreign projects of $100,000 and more in size of interest to American contractors.

#### By Regions & Classes of Construction

(In order of Listing)

BIDS ASKED
LOW BIDDERS
CONTRACTS AWARDED

New England
Middle Atlantic
South
Middle West
West of Mississippi
Far West

PROPOSED WORK
Water Supply
Sewers, Waste Disposal
Bridges
Streets & Roads
Earthwork, Waterways
Public Buildings
Mass Housing
Commercial Buildings
Industrial Buildings
Unclassified

#### In These Stages

PROPOSED WORK: Before and including appointment of engineers or architects.
BIDS ASKED: BA (new announcements only). For full calendar, see also preceding issues.

LOW BIDDERS: LB On jobs below $500,000 in value all low bidder news will be the final reports published on the projects involved except where award is not made to the low bidder. In this case, a supplementary contract award report will be published.

CONTRACTS AWARDED: CA Except awards to low bidders previously reported in low bidder stage.

CD dates shown are of Construction Daily issue in which last previous report was published.

#### Symbols and Abbreviations Include:

† Federal Government
▲ Project of $1,000,000 or over.
ENR Engineering News-Record
CD Construction Daily
For additional reports see Construction Daily.

## SOUTH

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

▲† **La., Lake Charles**—ORDNANCE STORAGE FACILITIES—BA 5/24—U. S. Eng., P. O. Box 1229, Galveston, Tex., ordnance storage facilities, Lake Charles Air Force Base, ENG-41-243-55-63. $1,000,000-$3,000,000.

▲† **Tenn., Tullahoma**—SUPERSONIC CIRCUIT STRUCTURES—BA About 6/2—U.S. Eng., Tullahoma, supersonic circuit structures, paving and drainage for Propulsion Wind Tunnel, Arnold Engineering Development Center, ENG-40-126-55-20. CD 2/24.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **LOUISIANA**—State Hy. Dpt., Highway Office Bldg., Baton Rouge,
La.—**W. R. Aldrich & Co.,** 2493 Baywood Ave., Baton Rouge, La. LB $1,292,325. Comb. 1, $1,458,062. Comb. 2 high level I-beam span fixed bridge 0.57 mi.

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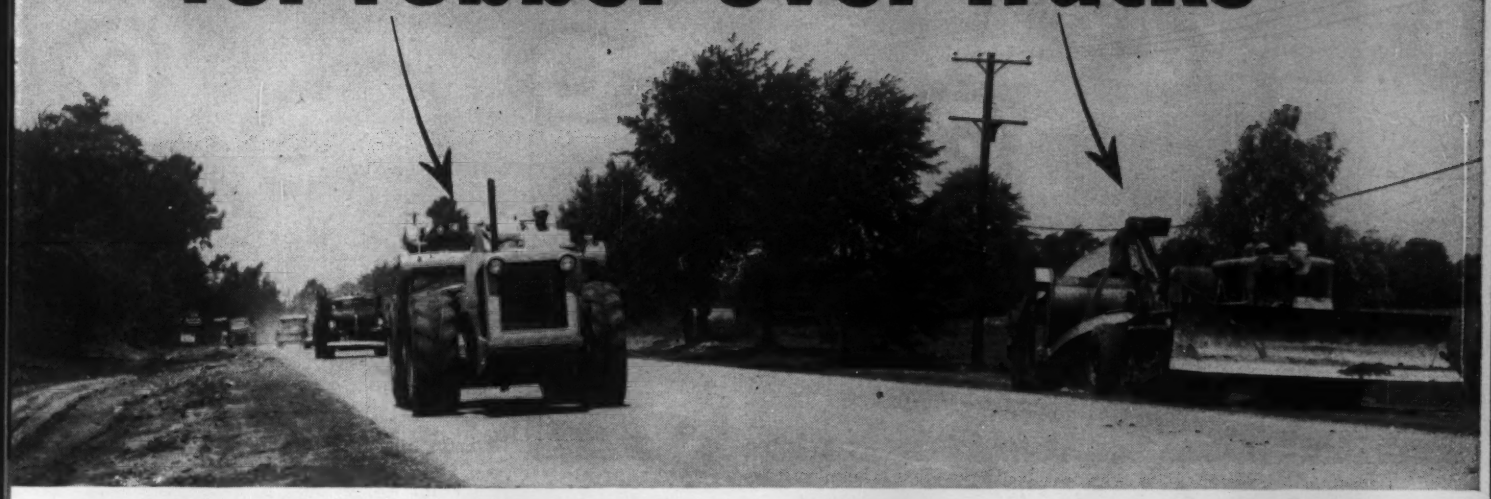
# 47% advantage for rubber over tracks



***Widening road to Ohio Turnpike,***
**7-yd. Tournapull averages 60 yds. per hour. Slower 11-yd. crawler-scrapers average only 41-yds. in spite of 400 ft. shorter cycles.**

| | 122 hp, 7-yd. D Tournapull | 93 hp crawler, 11-yd. scraper | 148 hp crawler, 11-yd. scraper |
|---|---|---|---|
| Load time self-loading sandy clay (all units in same pit) | 1.2 Min. | Not timed | Not timed |
| Total cycle time | 4.5 Min. | 12.7 Min. | 10.3 Min. |
| Haul distance one-way | 1100′ | 1100′ | 1100′ |
| Return distance | 1500′ | 1100′ | 1100′ |
| Return speed on 1000′ of paved road in traffic: | 14 MPH | Could not haul on pavement | |
| Top speed possible | 28 MPH | 6 MPH | 5 MPH |
| Trips per 55-minute hour | 12 | 4½ | 5½ |
| Yards per 55-minute hour | 60 | 38 | 44 |

The above figures are averages of a day-long time study made by field engineers on Kane, Ohoro & Haenny, Inc. 8-mile road widening job between Youngstown and the Ohio Turnpike. The 47% advantage computed for the Tournapull was called "conservative" by the contractors. Based on their experiences on Turnpike subcontracts, they estimate the one "D" will move as much dirt, over-all on this job, as two crawler-drawn scrapers combined. And here's another advantage...

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La.—**Boh Bros. Constr. Co.**, 2400 Cypress St., New Orleans, La. LB $968,708. overpass grading, drainage structures 0.257 mi. overpass south of Broad (Ponchartrain Expressway) State Rte. 2200, S.P. 283-08-07, FAP U 409-6, Orleans Parish. Bids Apr. 13. CD 3/18 and 3/23.

### BUILDINGS

#### LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Little Constr. Co., Inc.**, Builders Bldg., Charlotte, N. C., CA $1,045,762, COTTAGES, four 132-bed; two 40-bed, at Butner Training School, BUTNER, N. C. State Hospitals Bd. Control, Capitol Bldg., Raleigh, N. C. Bids Mar. 3, CD 3/17, under LB.

† **Thompson & Street Co.**, Pineville Rd., Charlotte, N. C., CA, $849,452. rehabilitation and constr. Phase III, Charlotte Ordnance Missile PLANT, ENG-31-075 (Neg 55-5), CHARLOTTE, N. C. U. S. Eng., Customhouse, Wilmington, N. C. CD 4/11, under LB.

▲ **Catalytic Constr. Co.**, 1528 Walnut St., Phila. 2, Pa., CA, Est. $3,000,000, design and construct titanium tetrachloriade production PLANT, NATRIUM, W. VA. Columbia-Southern Chemical Corp., sub. Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Grant Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Ed. L. Powers**, Jesup, Ga., LB, $1,550,800. Cairo High SCHOOL, Washington Consolidated School; Bechbranch Elementary School; Shiver Elementary School, CAIRO, GA. State School Bldg. Auth., 41 Exchange Pl. S.E., Atlanta, Ga. Bids Mar. 31. CD 3/1.

**E. A. Scott & Sons**, Americus, Ga., CA, $632,997 elementary and high SCHOOL (white), combination elementary and high SCHOOL (colored), elementary SCHOOL for colored, MOUNT VERNON, GA. State School Bldg. Auth., 41 Exchange Pl. S. E., Atlanta, Ga. Bids Mar. 17. CD 3/25, under LB

**A. B. Newton**, Box 191, Vidalia, Ga., LB, $837,854 Summerville High and Elementary SCHOOL Pennville White Elementary SCHOOL, Menlo White Elementary and High SCHOOL, Walmeyer Elementary, Subligna elementary and High SCHOOL, CAFETERIA addn. to Summerville High and Elementary School addns., SUMMERVILLE, GA. State School Bldg. Auth., 41 Exchange Pl. S.E., Atlanta, Ga. Bids Apr. 5.

▲ **H. M. Pafford Jr.**, Wayross, Ga., CA, $1,500,000, design and construct, PLANT, WAYCROSS, GA. Scapa Dryers, Inc., Blackburn, England.

**Atlas Constr. Co.**, Box 1006, Texarkana, Tex. CA $513,500, est. $500,000. 1 story, brick Junior High SCHOOL, on Minden Rd., Bossier City, BENTON, LA. Bossier Parish School Bd., Benton, La. Bids Apr. 7. CD 3/30.

**Caldwell & McCann**, Box 477, Baton Rouge, La. CA $614,964. GYMNASIUM and ACADEMIC BLDGS., THIBODAUX, LA. State Bldg. Auth., Capitol Bldg., Baton Rouge, La. Bids Apr. 5 awarded Apr. 7. CD 4/12, under LB.

## MIDDLE WEST

#### SOON LETS CONTRACT—BUILDINGS

▲ Ill., Chicago—WAREHOUSE—Ferdinand-Pulaski Corp., 500 N. Pulaski St., soon lets contract warehouse, $2,000,000. A. Epstein & Sons Co., 2011 Pershing Rd., Chicago, Zone 9, archt.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

#### LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ OHIO—State Hy. Dpt., Columbus, Zone 15, O.—**D. R. Smalley & Sons, Inc.**, 436 W. Market St., Celina, O., CA $2,310,775, est. $2,622,200, Type T-71 and T-35 and structures, U.S.R. 25, sects. 0.00, 23.57; S.R. 71, Sect. 13.73; U.S.R.40, Sects. (16.62) (17.01), IN-196 (2), Village of Vandalia, Butler Twp. and Monroe Twp., Miami and Montgomery Counties;

**Robert J. Dienst & Son**, 297 S. High St., Columbus, O., CA $880,001, est. $912,000, Type T-35 and structure, S.R. 16, Sects. (5.36-7.05), Village of Whitehall and Truro Twp., Franklin Co. Bids Mar. 29. CD 4/5 under LB.

ILLINOIS—State Div. Hys., Springfield,
**Leininger Constr. Co.**, 30 N. La Salle St., Chicago 2, Ill. CA $714,528, c. conc. paving 0.77 mi. 2 concrete paving interchange ramps and 2 parallel I-beam grade separations carrying US 66 over Alt. US 66, Will Co. Bids Apr. 1, awarded Apr. 13. CD 4/6, under LB.

▲ **Michael Pontarelli**, 4248 N. Kilpatrick St., Chicago, Ill., CA, $1,560,088, Roscoe St. Auxiliary Sewer Proj., CHICAGO, ILL. City, City Hall, Chicago, Ill. Bids Feb. 16, awarded Apr. 11. CD 2/25, under LB.

### BUILDINGS

#### LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Paxton & Parsley Co., Inc.**, 2103 E. 21 St., Cleveland, O. Owner builds. $4,800,000. 140 HOMES, 180-acre site, Mayfield Rd., Chester Twp., CHARDON, O.

▲ **Gilmore-Olson Co.**, 1873 E. 55 St., Cleveland, O., CA Total est. $4,000,000. LABORATORY, RESEARCH and ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER, 66-acre site, near Snow Rd. and W. 130 St., in Parma, Cleveland, O. Union Carbide & Carbon Corp., Box 6087, Cleveland, O. CD 3/7.

▲ **Fegles Constr. Co., Ltd.**, Wesley Temple Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn., CA, Est. $1,300,000, 57-tank, 127 ft. high, 2,187,000-bu. GRAIN STORAGE at existing 3.5 million bu. terminal on Grove Rd., also carp dump, COLUMBUS, O. Farm Bureau Cooperative Assn., 245 N. High St., Columbus, O.

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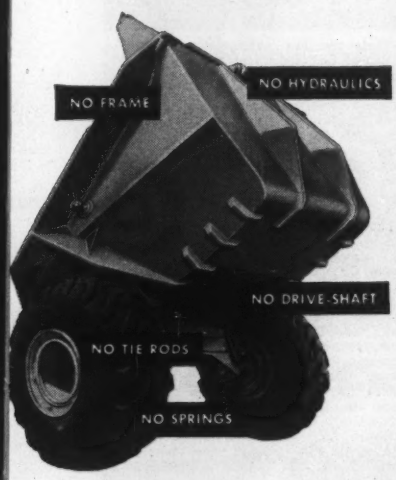


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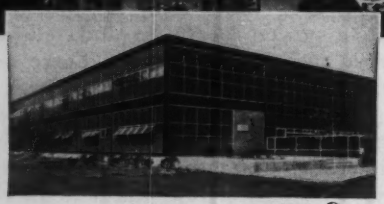

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▲ **Ohio State Homes,** 1595 Shawnee Ave., Columbus, O. Owner Builds. $2,500,000. 200 one story ranch type with bsmnt. HOMES, along Case Rd., FRANKLIN, O.

▲ **Koppers Co.,** Koppers Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa., CA Total est. $10,000,000. constr. new battery of 31 by-product COKE OVENS at Massillon steel plant, MASSILLON, O. Republic Steel Corp., Republic Bldg., Cleveland 13, O. CD 10/27/53.

**Carl M. Geupel Constr. Co.,** 1919 N. Meridan St., Indianapolis, Ind., CA $500,000. PLANT expansion, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Pittman-Moore Co., Madison Ave. and Morris St., Indianapolis, Ind.

**Carl M. Geupel Constr. Co.,** 1919 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind., Ca $500,000 PLANT expansion ZIONSVILLE, IND. Pittman-Moore Co., Madison and Morris Sts., Indianapolis, Ind.

▲ **Max M. Ableman,** 1717 Mulford St., Evanston, Ill., Own Forces, $1,100,000. 75 HOMES, along Ridge Rd. HIGHLAND PARK, ILL. A. J. Del Bianco, 5501 Irving Park Rd., Chicago, Ill., archts.

▲ **Inland Constr. Co.,** 134 N. La Salle St., Chicago 2, Ill., CA, $20,000,000 STORES in "Old Orchard Business District", SKOKIE, ILL. American Community Builders, No. 2, Plaza, Park Forest, Ill. Loeb, Schlossman & Bennett, 430 N. Michigan St., Chicago 11, Ill., archts. Awarded Apr. 5. CD 8/17/50.

▲ **Atkin & Fordon Co.,** 7360 W. Chicago St., Detroit, Mich. CA $1,708,000. addns. E and F to Fitzgerald High SCHOOL, VAN DYKE, MICH. Warren Twp., School Dist. 7, Van Dyke, Mich. Bids Mar. 31. CD 3/28.

## WEST OF MISSISSIPPI

### BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **Tex., San Marcos**—MILL—Bids Asked—Cone Mills, Inc., Proximity, Greensboro, N. C., textile mill, $7,000,000; products storage or warehousing, $250,000. Dan McConnell, c/o owner, ch. engr. Lockwood Greene Engineers, Inc., Montgomery Bldg., Spartanburg, S. C., and Frank T. Drought, 342 W. Woodlawn Ave., San Antonio, engrs. CD 6/22.

## HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

### LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

**W. D. Giertsen Co.,** 900 Glenwood Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. CA $642,098. furnish, install 90,000 lin. ft. 9 in. vitr. sewers, RICHFIELD (MINNEAPOLIS P.O.), MINN. Village, P. H. Haugen, clk., 6700 Portland Ave., Richfield (Minneapolis 23), Minn. CD 4/13, under LB.

▲ **ARKANSAS**—State Hy. Dpt., Little Rock,

Ark.—**McGeorge Contg. Co., Inc.,** foot of Nebraska St., Pine Bluff, Ark., CA, $301,837, grav. base, surf. 7 mi. State Hy. 1, Gillett-Pendleton, Arkansas Co.; CA $726,597, grav. surf., 1 rein.-con. structural steel bridge and 1 rein.-con. slab bridge, 13.106 mi. State Hy. 88, Hot Springs-Lonsdale, Garland Co.;

Ark.—**Graves Bros. General Contractors,** Dollarway Road, Pine Bluff, Ark., CA, $114,452, wid'n., resurf. 1.7 mi. Hy. 67, Fulton-Texarkana, Miller Co.; CA $272,693, grav. base, surf. 8 mi. State Hy. 64, Wynne-Park, Cross Co.;

Ark.—**S. M. Dixon, Contractor,** Warren, Ark., CA, $204,905, grav. base, surf. 5.628 mi. State Hy. 82 El Dorado-east, Union Co.;

Ark.—**Tecon Paving Co.,** 1201 Main St., Dallas, Tex., CA, $112,671, wid'n., resurf. 3.4 mi. Hy. 67 Jacksonville-Cabot, Pulaski and Lonoke Counties;

Ark.—**Southeast Constr. Co., Inc.,** 127½ Main St., Pine Bluff, Ark., CA, $281,450, crushed stone base, surf., 1 bridge 8.8 mi. Hy. 21-E & W, Oak Grove-south; Oak Grove-Urbanette, Carroll Co.;

Ark.—**D. F. Jones Constr. Co., Inc.,** Rector Bldg., Little Rock, Ark., CA, $419,595, crushed stone base, surf., 1 bridge Hy. 14, Lead Hill-Summit, Boone and Marion Counties;

Ark.—**Ben M. Hogan Co.,** 1100 Fairview St., Little Rock, Ark., CA, $908,484, crushed stone base, surf. 18.3 mi. State Hy. 82, El Dorado-Magnolia, Union Co.;

Ark.—**Forsgren Brothers,** 3023 N. 23 St., Fort Smith, Ark., CA, $98,992 grading, drainage 1 rein.-con., structural steel bridge 0.7 mi. State Hy. 95, Scotland-Clinton, Van Buren Co.;

Ark.—**William D. Jeffreys Constr. Co.,** 4201 Towson St., Fort Smith, Ark., CA, $180,069. grading, minor drainage, 2 multi-span culvert extens. 11.054 mi. State Hy. 70, Benton-east, Saline Co. Bids Apr. 13. Grand total $3,621,745. CD 4/7.

▲† **Hallett Constr. Co.,** 1st Natl. Bank Bldg., Crosby, Minn., LB $1,127,952, est. $1,008,259, stringing conductors, overhead ground wires for Big Bend-Huron-Watertown 230 kv transmission line, Transmission Div., Missouri River Basin Proj. Buffalo, Hand, Beadle, Clark, Hamlin and Codington Counties, Spec. DC-4374, SOUTH DAKOTA. Bureau Reclamation, Dpt. Interior, Huron, S. D. Bids Apr. 13. CD 3/9.

▲† **Bauer-Smith Dredging Co.,** P. O. Box BB, Port Lavaca, Tex., CA, $1,249,505, est. $1,000,000. dredging Avery Point to Tule Lake, CIVENG-41-243-55-53, TEXAS U. S. Eng., Box 1229, Galveston, Tex. Bids Apr. 4. CD 4/6.

† **T. O. Bateson Constr. Co.,** Box 7305, Inwood Station, Dallas, Tex., CA $910,267, Prop. No. 2, Air National Guard Facilities, ENG-41-243-55-87, ELLINGTON AIR FORCE BASE, TEX. U. S. Eng., Box 1229, Galveston, Tex., Bids Apr. 1. CD 4/12, under LB.

COLORADO—State Hy. Dpt., 518 State Office Bldg., Denver,

**Henry Shore Constr. Co.,** 510 S. Windemere St., Littleton, Colo., CA, $522,248, est. $534,120. grading, struc-

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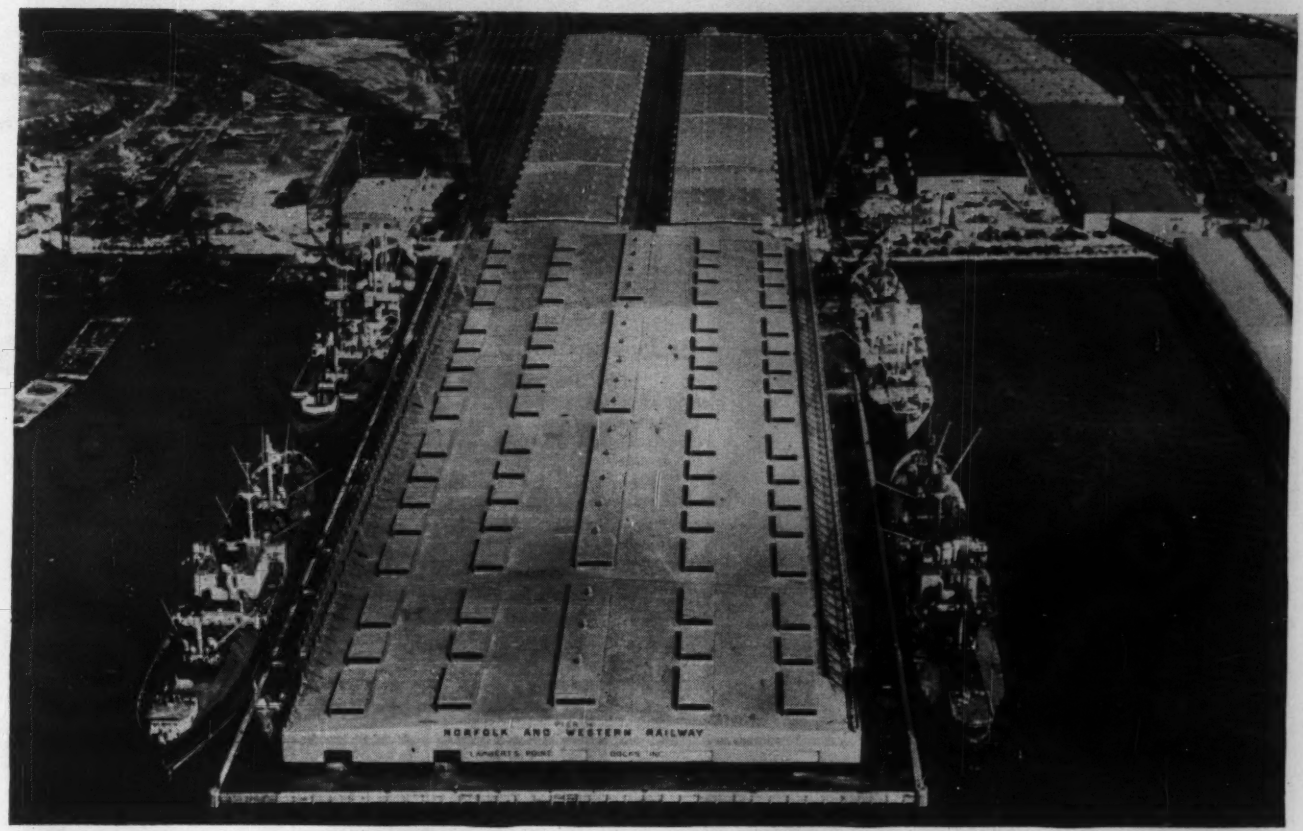


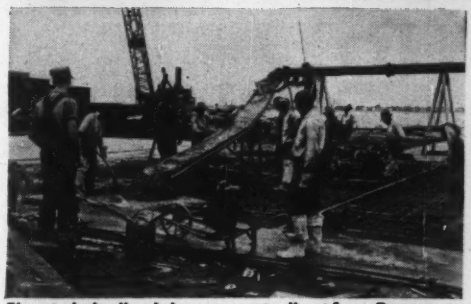

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tures 11.885 mi. Colo. Proj. FI002-2 (31), Unit 1, Monument, El Paso and Douglas Counties. Bids Apr. 7, awarded Apr. 8. CD 3/31.

### BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Thomas Bate & Sons,** 5119 Bellaire St., Houston, Tex., CA $750,000. earth and rein.-con. fdn. work for smelting potline and power house;

**American Bridge Co.,** 525 Wm. Penn Pl., Pittsburgh, Pa., CA $3,250,000. fabrication and erection steel for smelting PLANT bldgs. expansion. Point Comfort, PORT LAVACA, TEX. Aluminum Co. of America (ALCOA), 1200 Alcoa Bldg., Pittsburgh 19, Pa. CD 3/1.

▲ **F. J. Kirchhof Constr. Co.,** 700 Lawrence St., Denver, Colo., CA Approx. $5,000,000, 1 story, 132,000 sq. ft. aircraft equipment FACTORY, DENVER, COLO. Sundstrand Machine Tool Co., 2555 11th St., Rockford, Ill. Bids Mar. 31, awarded Apr. 4. CD 3/25.

## FAR WEST

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

† **Lembke, Clough & King, Inc.,** 107 W. Wyoming St., P. O. Box 1391, Las Vegas, Nev. CA $903,174, air force communication station, ENG-04-203-55-43, TONOPAH, NEV. U. S. Eng., 180 New Montgomery St., San Francisco 5, Calif. Bids Mar. 18. CD 4/11, under LB.

▲ **Gunther-Shirley-Lane,** 4460 Sherman Oaks Ave., Sherman Oaks, Calif., CA $2,794,678 intake works, powerhouse and sub-station for Pilot Knob Hydro Plant, EL CENTRO, CALIF. Imperial Irrigation District, 125 S. 5 St., El Centro, Calif. Bids Mar. 29. awarded Apr. 5. CD 4/4, under LB Calif., Imperial.

▲ **R. A. Wattson Co., W. E. Kier Constr. Co. & Alex. Robertson Co.,** joint venture, 12550 Saticoy St. Los Angeles, Calif., CA $2,405,904, lower feeder and Santiago Lateral, Yorba Linda, Orange Co., LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Metropolitan Water Dist. of Southern California, 306 W. 3 St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids Apr. 6, awarded Apr. 12. CD 4/8, under LB.

▲† **Stolte, Inc.,** 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, Calif., CA, $1,793,735, concrete dormitories, mess hall, gas and sewerage, street paving, etc. McClellan Air Force Base, SACRAMENTO, CALIF. U. S. Engs. Wright Bldg., Sacramento, Calif. CD 6/6/52.

### BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

**H. J. Farrington,** 9207 Lakewood Blvd., Rivera, Calif., LB $711,980, Intermediate SCHOOL, Stamy Rd. and Santa Fe Sts., EAST WHITTIER, CALIF. East Whittier School Dist., 14535 E. Whittier Blvd., East Whittier, Calif. Bids Apr. 7.

**Peter Kiewit Sons Co.,** 345 Kieways Ave., Arcadia, Calif., LB $747,456, Garden Grove High SCHOOL addns. GARDEN GROVE, CALIF. Garden Grove Union High School Dist., 11271 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, Calif. Bids Apr. 7.

▲ **Beverly Development Co.,** 8549 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif. Owner Builds, $1,490,600, 172 DWELLINGS, Harsville St., Arvilla, Siesta and Mayland Aves., PUENTE, CALIF. Martin Stern, 450 N. Beverly Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif., archt.

▲ **E. H. Moore & Sons,** 693 Mission St., San Francisco, Calif., LB $3,175,000, COURT HOUSE, VISALIA CALIF. Tulare Co. Court House, Visalia, Calif. Bids Apr. 12. CD 2/28.

▲ **Kauffman Homes, Inc.,** 2918 W. Compton Blvd,. Gardena, Calif. Owner Builds, $1,080,000. 125 frame, stucco DWELLINGS, Tract 20520, WEST COVINA, CALIF.

## CANADA

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **Que., Montreal**—OFFICE—BA 5/3—Sternthal Realty Co., 1435 St. Alexander St., 15 story, 76x130 ft., rein.-con., brick, 2 stories underground office bldg., City Councillars and Mayor Sts. $1,000,000. Mayerovitch & Bernstein, 1500 St. Catherine St. W., archts. I. S. Backler, 5253 Decarie Blvd., engr.

▲ **Que., Valleyfield** — BUILDINGS — BA 5/6 — Defence Constr. Lt., 56 Lyon St., Ottawa, Ont., 8 buildings for Army, $1,400,000. Plans deposit $100.

▲ **Ont., Brantford**—HOSPITAL SUPERSTRUCTURE—BA 5/10—Brantford General Hospital, Terrace Hill and Ontario St., superstructure for 2 wings L-shaped 6 story, 67x100 ft. and 45x150 ft., concrete, brick, tile hospital addns. $4,500,000. H. J. Smith, 62 Charles St. E., Toronto, and Chas H. Brooks, 11 George St., Brantford, archts. Neergaard, Agnew & Craig, 134 Bloor St. W., Toronto, engrs. CD 3/23/53.

### BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Turnbull & Gale Constr. Co. Ltd.,** 168 East 2 St., Vancouver, B. C., LB, $1,490,984, Churchill High SCHOOL, 57 Ave. and Heather St., VANCOUVER, B. C. School District No. 39, 1595 West 10 Ave., Vancouver, B. C. Bids Mar. 31. CD 3/7.

▲ **Wayne Building Development Ltd.,** 2100 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont. Owner Builds. $20,000,000. Satellite COMMUNITY CENTER, incl. 1,000 low rental houses and shopping center, TORONTO, ONT. CD 4/15.

▲ **Foundation Co. of Canada Ltd.,** 1220 Bay St., Toronto, Ont., CA Est. $2,000,000, 120,000 sq. ft., 1 story


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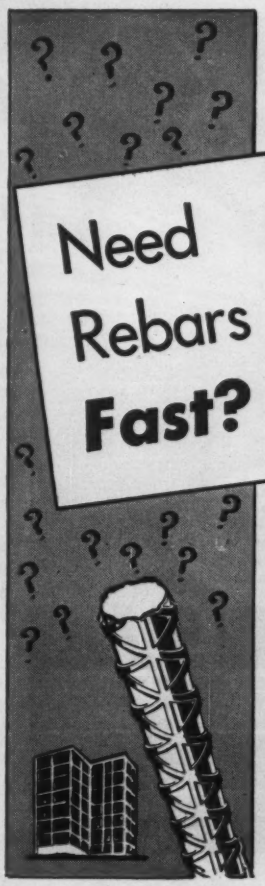


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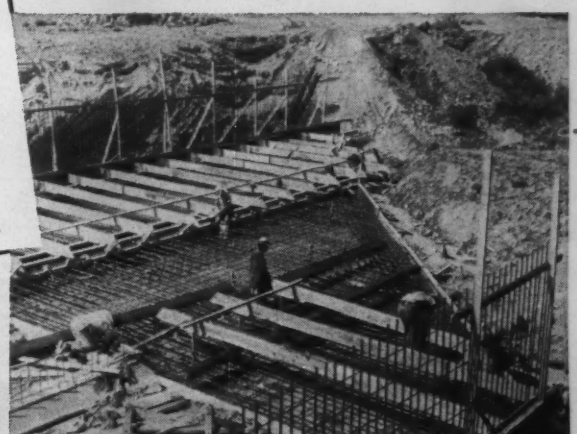

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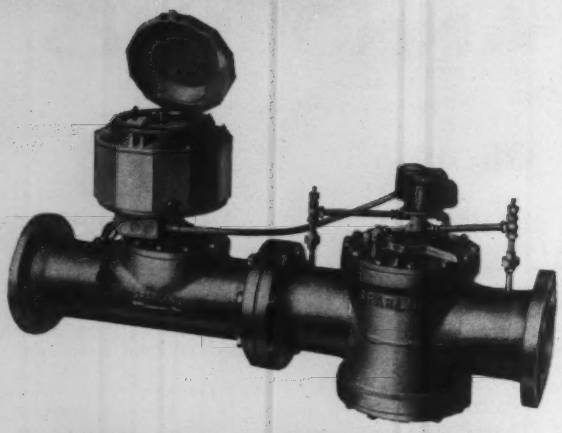

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▲ **Lakeview Acres, Inc.**, Lakeside, Pointe Claire, Montreal, Que. Owner Builds, $2,000,000. 150 unit HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, at Pointe Claire, MONTREAL, QUE. J. C. Merrett, 1019 Canada Cement Bldg., Montreal, Que., archt.

## Proposed Projects

### WATER SUPPLY

▲ **Md., Towson**—Bd. Comrs., Baltimore Co., Michael J. Birmingham, pres., Court House, extending, reinforcing county water distr. sys.,
Catonsville area—elevated tank, $185,578; valve vault, $70,000; transmission mains, $380,000.
Pikesville area—pumping station, $246,290; transmission mains, $391,000.
Towson area—transmission mains $598,225; elevated tank, $129,129; addn. to pumping station, $169,250.
Eastern Zone—transmission mains, $300,000.
High Point Blvd. Main, $220,000.
servicing, subdivision and neighborhood water extens., various, $2,241,000.

▲ **Mich., Detroit**—Bd. Supervs. Wayne Co., 3800 Cadillac Tower, voted bonds Apr. 4, water intake and filtration plant. $50,000,000. Leroy Smith, co. engr. CD 3/4.

### SEWERS, WASTE DISPOSAL

▲ **Colo., Denver**—City and Denver Co., City and County Bldg., bond election May 17, imprv., extending sanitary sewerage sys. $1,300,000. Dewey Wright, city engr.

▲ **Mont., Great Falls**—City, City Hall, voted $2,285,000 bonds Apr. 4, exten. sewerage sys. CD 11/24/47.

### BRIDGES

▲ **Mass., Boston**—City, Dpt. P. Wks., City Hall Annex, bridge repairs, Boston and Charlestown. $1,200,000. Charles A. Maguire & Assoc., 14 Court Square, consult. engrs. CD 8/30/45.

### STREETS AND ROADS

▲ **Colo., Denver**—City and Denver Co., City and County Bldg., bond election May 17, expanding, extending,

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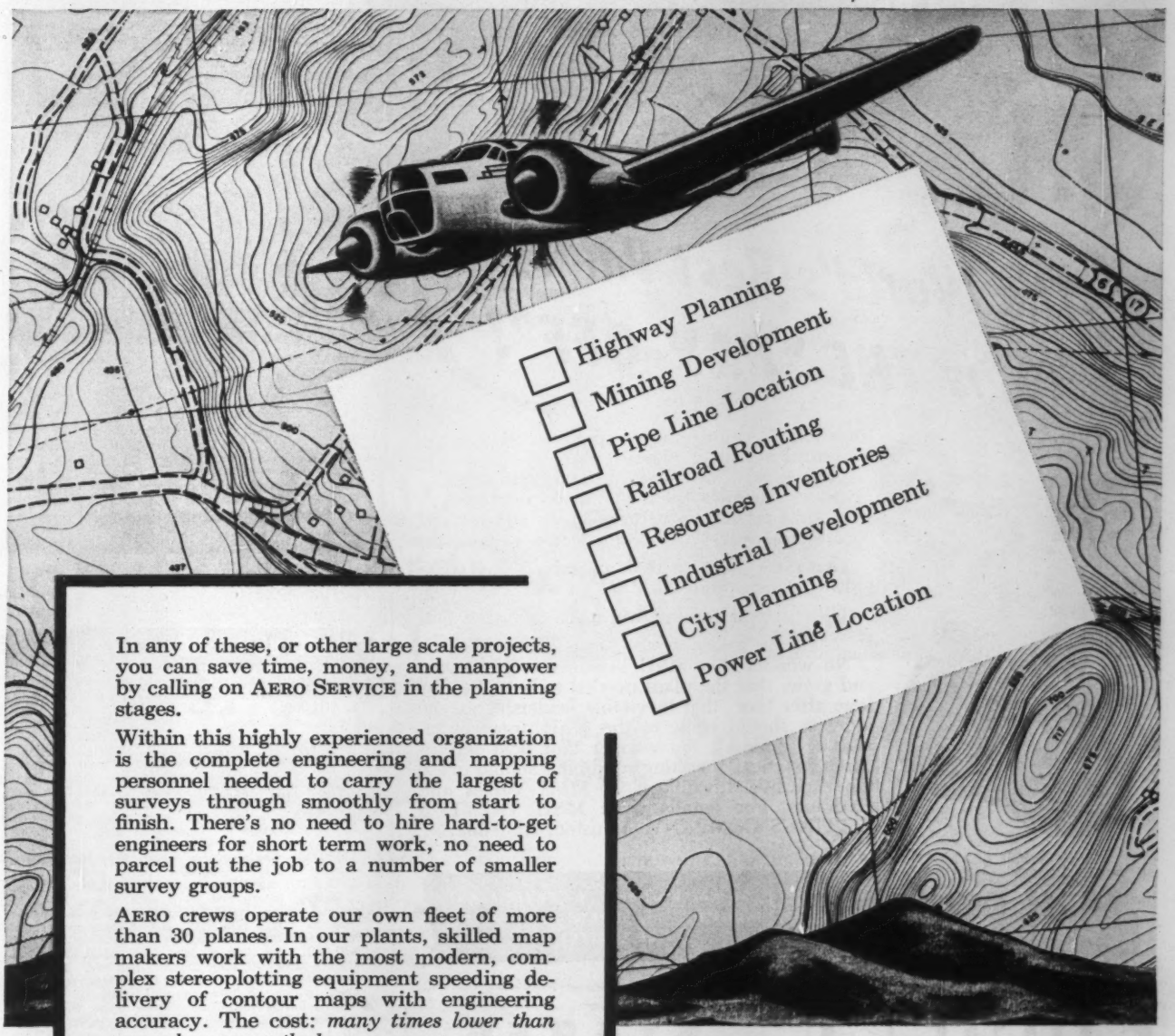


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▲ **NEW YORK**—Bureau Contracts & Accounts, The Governor Alfred E. Smith State Office Bldg., Albany,
**Queens Co.**—Contr. 2 of Sect. 1, Horace Harding Expressway from Queens Blvd. to approx. 525 ft. east of Grand Central Parkway, approx. 7,400 ft. $6,160,000.

▲ **NEW YORK**—Dpt. P. Wks., The Governor Alfred E. Smith State Office Bldg., Albany,
**Nassau and Suffolk Counties**—Long Island Expressway from New York City Line to Riverhead via Mineola and Levittown. $140,000,000.

▲ **Okla., Enid**—Garfield Co., Enid, $1,300,000 bond election May 10, county roads,

▲ **PENNSYLVANIA**—Pennsylvania Turnpike Comn., 11 N. 4 St., Harrisburg,
toll booths and utility bldgs. for Northeast Turnpike Exten. between Phila. and Scranton. $4,000,000. CD 10/28/53.

## EARTHWORK, WATERWAYS

▲† **Kentucky**—U. S. Eng., P. O. Box 2127, 237 Fourth Ave., Huntington 18, W. Va., lock sys. at proj. high level dam on Ohio River at Greenup, $20,000,000.

▲ **Mich., Detroit**—Bd. Supervs. Wayne Co., 3800 Cadillac Tower, voted bonds Apr. 4, drainage and flood control Rouge River Valley. $5,000,000. Leroy Smith, co. engr. CD 3/4.

▲ **Ontario**—Ottawa Hydro Electric Power Comn., Sparks St., Ottawa, hydro-electric development, incl. underground cable circuits from Riverdale transformer station to Hydro Property on Stater St., Ottawa. $1,400,000.

## AIRPORTS

▲† **N. D., Grand Forks**—JET AIR BASE—U. S. Eng., 1709 Jackson St., Omaha, Neb., plans by Forx-Stanley Eng. Co. (K. B. MacKichan & Assocs., Lloyde Richmond, Grosz & Anderson of Grand Forks and Stanley Eng. Co., Muscatine, Ia.), 314½ DeMers Ave., Grand Forks, archts-engrs., jet air base $10,000,000. CD 1/3.

▲ **Ont., Ottawa**—WIND TUNNEL—Dpt. P. Wks., Hunter Bldg., plans by E. A. Gardner, c/o owner, supersonic wind tunnel at Uplands Airport, for R.C.A.F. and National Research Council. $3,500,000.

## LATIN AMERICA

▲ **Ecuador, Guayaquil**—Comite Ejecutive de Vialidad, Calle Velez No. 109, plans, constr. new port. $10,000,000-$12,000,000. Owner is seeking engineer and contractor. CD 12/31/52.

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS

▲ **Ala., Auburn**—AUDITORIUM, etc.—Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, auditorium and sports arena, $1,500,000; library, $1,750,000; sewage treatment and disposal plant, $300,000; agriculture teaching and research bldg., $600,000; chemistry bldg annex, $560,000. classroom bldg. $500,000; central heating plant, $250,000 home economics bldg., $500,000; dramatic arts bldg. annex, $125,000; military bldg. for ROTC, $500,000. bldg. and grounds storage annex, $50,000. incinerator for Veterinary School $50,000. large animal clinic bldg., $300,000. engineer laboratory bldg., $300.000. women's dormitory $576,000; men's dormitories, $918,000; administration bldg, $317,000. physical education bldg., $900,000. other smaller bldgs., $242,350. agronomy, soils, horticulture bldgs., $750,000; botany and plant path. bldg., $600,000; dairy & poultry bldg., $375,000. farm animal disease research bldg., $200,000; judging pavilion, abattoir & meats laboratory, $200,000; 2 sub-station auditorium $70,000; renovation of two bldgs. $100,000; greenhouses, $150,000; large animal clinic bldg., $300,000; incinerator, $50,000; other renovations to existing bldgs., wiring, air-conditioning $132,600. CD 2/27/45.

▲ **Calif., Covina**—SCHOOLS—Covina Union High School District, Covina, voted $3,700,000 bonds, schools. CD 3/23.

▲ **Calif., San Diego**—COURT HOUSE—San Diego Co., 1600 Pacific Hy., plans by Sam Hamill, Scripps Bldg., Frank Hope, 1447 6 St., George Lykos, Spreckles Bldg., and R. G. Wheeler, 2507 4 St., all San Diego, county court house. $7,000,000. E. L. Freeland, Spreckles Bldg., consult. engr. CD 11/8.

▲ **Colo., Denver**—CITY AUDITORIUM—City and Denver Co., City and County Bldg., bond election May 17, city auditorium $2,000,000. Stanley E. Morse, 1050 Cherokee St., Denver, Colo., consult. engr. CD 12/8.

▲ **D. C., Wash.**—RECEIVING HOME—D. C. Govt. 499 Pa. Ave. N.W., receiving home at Blue Plaines, $1,200,000. CD 9/16/43.

▲ **Ky., Lexington**—APARTMENTS—University of Ky., S. Lime St., plans by Thos Page Edwards Assoc., 148 Barr St., 178 apartment proj., 13 bldgs., $1,500,000. CD 10/2/51.

▲ **Mich., Eloise**—HOSPITAL—Bd. Supervs., Wayne Co., 3800 Cadillac Tower, Detroit, voted bonds Apr. 4, general hospital, $10,000,000. CD 3/4.

▲ **Mo., Columbia**—POWER PLANT—City, voted $2,500,000 bonds Apr. 5, power plant expansion. Lutz & May, Finance Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., consult. engrs. CD 9/24/53.

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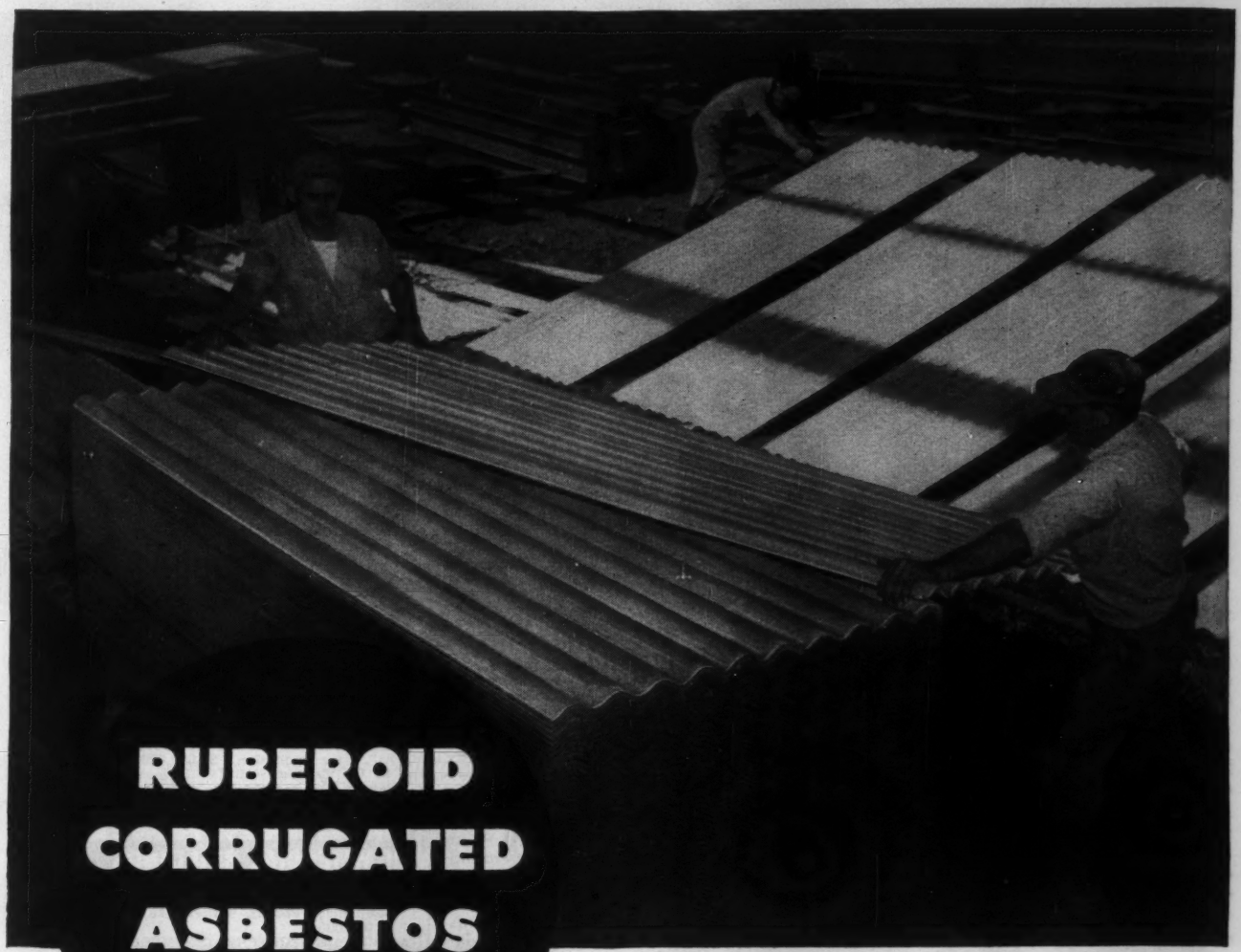

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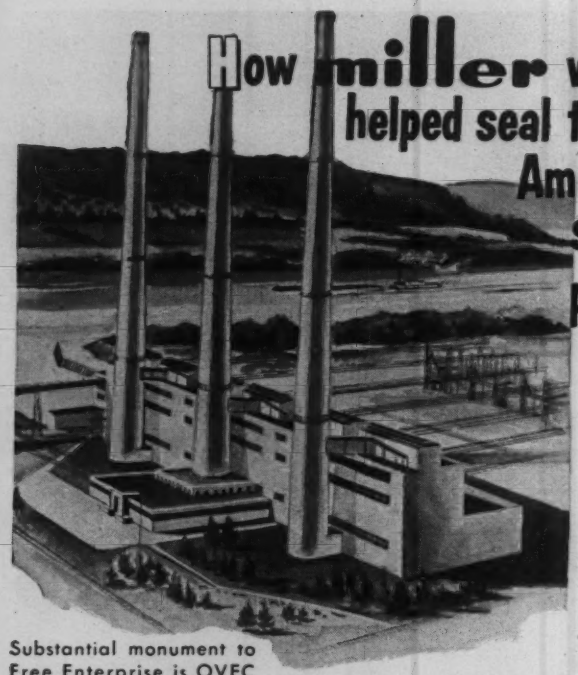

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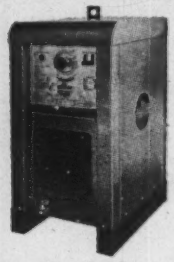

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▲ Mo., Joplin — SCHOOL — Joplin School Dist. Bd. Educ., Rol S. Wood, supt. Schools, voted $2,050,000 bonds Apr. 5, Senior High School on 32 acre tract in east central area of district. Peterson & Scharhag, 1103 E. Armour St., Kansas City, Mo., archts. CD 2/23.

▲ Neb., Omaha—OFFICE—Metropolitan Utilities District, 18th and Harney Sts., office. $1,525,000.

▲ N. Y., Brooklyn—SCHOOL—Bd. Educ., Bureau Constr., 42-15 Crescent St., Long Island City, plans by M. L. Radoslovitch, c/o owner, 3 story P. S. 272, 10102-10193 Seaview Ave. $1,140,000. CD 1/20.

▲ N. Y., New Hyde Park—SCHOOL—Union Free School Dist. No. 9, Town of North Hempstead, New Hyde Park, elementary school, Denton Ave., $856,800; Herrick School addn. to convert to Junior High School, $872,900; Wickshire Elementary School addn. $325,350-$350,000; plans by Warren H. Ashley, 967 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, Conn., Senior High School, $1,861,100; Center Street Elementary School, $647,000; Searington Elemetary School addn., Albertson, $344,500; Hubbard, Lawless & Blakely, 110 Whitney Ave., New Haven, Conn., mech. engrs. on all schools.

▲ O., Euclid—SCHOOLS—Bd. Educ., 23131 Lakeshore Blvd., plans by Fulton, Krinsky & DelaMotte, 6014 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Junior High School, Elinore Ave., $1,650,000; 20 room addn., automotive shop and student center to Euclid High School, $750,000; elementary school, Lloyd Rd. and Lake Shore Blvd., $725,000; elementary school in Indian Hill area south of Euclid Ave. $450,000; administration bldg., $400,000.

▲ O., Willoughby—HIGH SCHOOL— Willoughby—Eastlake Bd. Educ., Willoughby, plans by Outcalt Guenther & Assocs., 13124 Shaker Square, Cleveland, high school, Stevens Blvd., Eastlake. $3,650,000. CD 11/10/53.

▲ Pa., Upper Darby—HIGH SCHOOL—Upper Darby Bd. Educ., Lansdowne Ave. and School Lane, plans by The Ballinger Co., 121 N. Broad St., Phila., Junior High School. $2,500,000. CD 3/28/52.

▲ Tex., Garland—POWER PLANT EXPANSION, etc.—City, H. A. Walker, mayor, power plant expansion and imprvs. $1,900,000. CD 2/26/53.

▲ Wash., Bellingham—SCIENCE—Western Washington College of Education, Bellingham, plans by Jones & Bindon, Hoge Bldg., Seattle, Zone 4, science bldg. $1,250,000. CD 12/28.

▲ Wyo., Cheyenne — CIVIC AUDITORIUM — City, City Hall, civic auditorium, $1,000,000.

▲ B. C., Vancouver—ACUTE UNIT—Vancouver General Hospital, 10 and Heather Sts., plans by Townley & Matheson, 1376 Hornby St., 540-bed acute unit, Vancouver General Hospital. $8,000,000. CD 8/29/47.

## COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

▲ Ariz., Tucson—OFFICE—Lawrence D. Mayer, Mayer-Heard Bldg., Phoenix, 9 story, 110,000 sq. ft. office, $2,000,000.

▲ Calif., Lodi—SHOPPING CENTER—Hugh B. Codding, 1800 S. Sacramento St., Lodi, shopping center, $4,000,000.

▲ Colo., Grand Junction—OFFICE—Robert Howard, c/o Flatow & Moore, archts., 1840 Lomas Blvd. N. E., Albuquerque, N. M., 11 story office, $2,000,000.

▲ Del., Wilmington—OFFICE—Owner, c/o George T. Weymouth & Nicholas Du Pont, Delaware Trust Bldg., plans by M. O. Nathan, 343 S. Dearborn Ave., Chicago, Ill., office bldg., 10 St. between Shipley and Orange Sts. $4,000,000.

▲ D. C., Wash.—SHOPPING CENTER—Chevy Chase Land Co., Union Trust Bldg., shopping center, Connecticut Ave. between Van Ness and Yuma Sts. N.W. $12,000,000.

▲ Ill., Chicago—COMMERCIAL, etc.—Harold L. Perlman, 1000 Lake Shore Dr., plans by Sidney H. Morris, 134 N. La Salle St., Zone 2, 4 story commercial bldg. and stores, Lake Shore Dr. and Oak St. $1,500,000.

▲ La., New Orleans—SUPERMARKET and OFFICE—John Schwegman, Jr., 900 S. Jefferson Davis Parkway, plans by Edward M. Y. Tssi, Humble Bldg., 900 S. Jefferson Davis Parkway, 3 story, 350x570 ft., concrete supermarket and office Old Gentilly and Burman Rds. $1,500,000.

▲ Mass., Cambridge—LABORATORY—Massachusetts Institute Technology, 77 Massachusetts Ave., plans by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, 575 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. Karl Taylor Compton Laboratory, west of swimming pool $2,000,000. Severad Elstad Krueger, 415 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y., consult. engrs. CD 6/16.

▲ Mass., Pembroke—SHOPPING CENTER—Paul F. Cotty, 10 Sheila Rd., plans by Ralph Lee Rankin, Pinecrest Ave., brick veneer on cinder block shopping center, $2,000,000.

▲ N. Y., New York—OFFICE—399 Park Ave. Corp., c/o Joseph P. Blitz, 150 E. 39 St., Zone 16, 35 story office, Park Ave. from 53 to 54 Sts. $30,000,000.

▲ N. C., Morehead City—HOTEL—Morehead Hotel, Inc., Ted Dairs, c/o Chamber of Commerce, Morehead City, 400-room hotel. $4,500,000.

▲ N. D., Fargo—OFFICE—Gate City Building & Loan Assn., 73 Broadway, plans Bank Building & Equipment Corp. of America, 906 Sidney St., St. Louis, Mo., office. $1,500,000.

▲ O., Akron—BANK—Firestone Bank, E. A. Oberlin, Jr., pres., 1115 S. Main St., plans by Bank Building & Equipment Corp. of America, 906 Sidney St., St. Louis Mo., 3 story bank, on site of present bank. $1,000,000.

▲ O., Toledo—HOSPITAL—Sisters of Mercy, Sister Mary Blanche, adm., Mercy Hospital, 2221 Madison St.,

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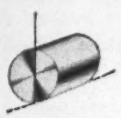

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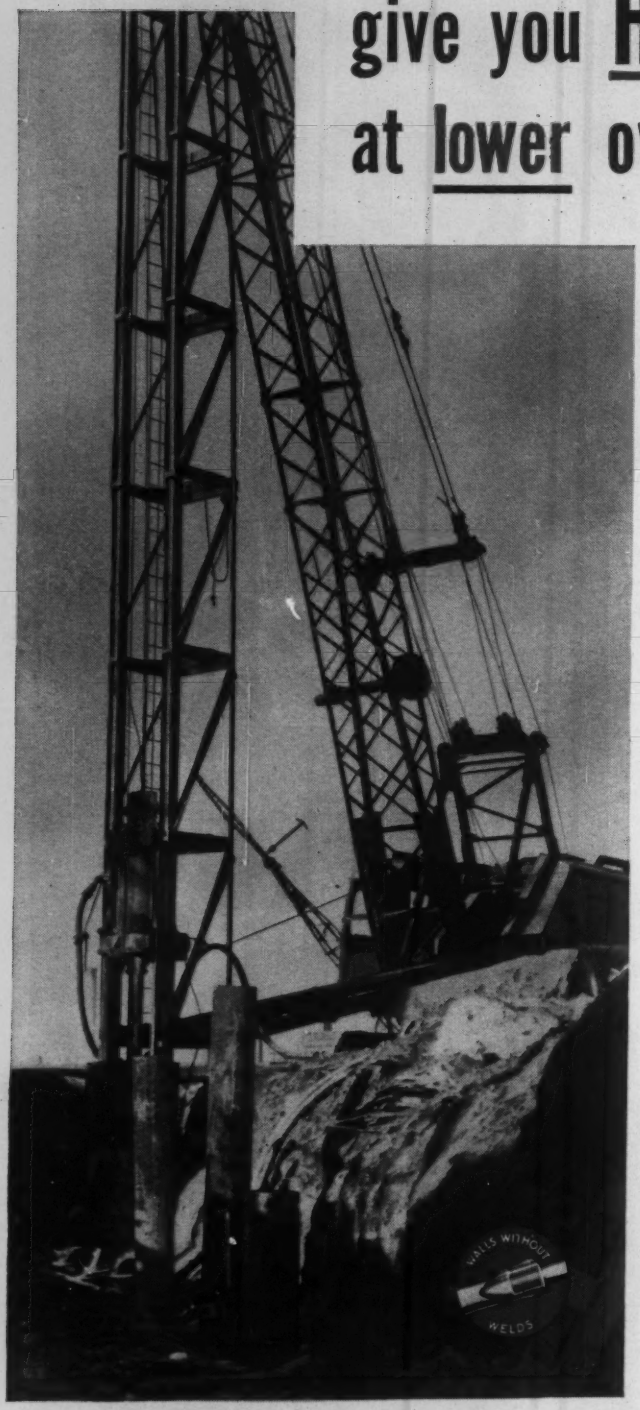


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plans by Robert J. Reiley, Jr., Paramount Bldg., 6 story, 44x165 ft. hospital addn. on site of St. Mary's Hall; 6 story 162x180 ft. L-shaped school of nursing, Jefferson and 23 Sts., with covered passageway to hospital, imprv. facilities in present bldg., etc. $2,500,000.

▲ **Pa., Glenside**—APARTMENT—Owner c/o G. Harold Murphy, 6121 Sellers St., Phila., 306-unit apartment, Easton Rd. and Church Rd. $3,000,000.

▲ **Pa., Phila.**—MEDICAL SCHOOL—Womens Medical College of Pennsylvania, Henry Ave. and Abbottsford Rd., plans by Schmidt, Garden & Erikson, 104 S. Michigan Ave., Cchicago, Ill., medical school bldg. with auditorium and library; present bldgs. alterations, nurses home addn. $4,000,000.

▲ **Tex., Abilene**—HOUSING—U. S. Air Force Base, Procurement Office, Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, plans by Associated Architects & Engineers, (David S. Castle Co., Abilene; F. C. Olds Co., Abilene, C. A. Johnson, 3501 Buffalo Dr., Houston, archts. and Leonard E. Kanto, N. P. Anderson Bldg., Fort Worth, engr.) construct, manage and finance, 500 unit, 1 story brick veneer on wood housing, concrete slab. $5,000,000.

▲ **Tex., Beaumont**—SHOPPING CENTER—Beaumont Village Co., c/o G. H. MacNaughton, trustee, Beaumont, plans by Eugene Werlin & C. H. Kiefner, 3501 Buffalo Dr., Houston, 1 story, 165,000 sq. ft., masonry shopping center to be called "Beaumont Village," 21-acre tract Voth Road and Lucas Dr. $1,150,000.

▲ **Tex., Fort Hood**—HOUSING—U. S. Eng., Box 1600, Fort Worth, plans by Charles E. Armstrong, 5351 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth, construct, manage, finance, 625 single and duplex apartment units, 1 story, brick veneer on wood frame, concrete slab. $6,250,000.

▲ **Tex., Houston**—STORES—Sakowitz Brothers, 1111 Main St., 80,000 sq. ft. stone, white masonry retail store on Post Oak at Westheimer Rd., $3,000,000; 2-level, 62,000 sq. ft. masonry suburban retail store in Gulfgate Area, $2,500,000; expansion of existing Main St. downtown store, masonry constr. $1,000,000.

▲ **Ont., Toronto**—SHOPPING CENTER—Applewood Shopping Centre Ltd., 1177 Queen Elizabeth Way, Port Credit, plans by Hanks & Irwin Ltd., 2848 Bloor St. W., 2 story, 100x700 ft., 168 ft. deep shopping center, incl. 25 stores and offices above, Second Line near Queen Elizabeth Way. Over $1,000,000.

▲ **Ont., Toronto**—HEAD OFFICE—Ford Motor Co. of Canada Ltd., 120 Bloor St. E., head office, $8,600,000.

▲ **Que., Montreal**—OFFICE—Terminal Centre Corp., 1637 Sherbrooke St. W., plans by Greenspoon, Freedlander & Dunne, 4151 Sherbrooke St. W. substructure for 13 story office, University and Lagauchetiere Sts. on Canadian National Ry. property, $1,500,000.

## INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS

▲ **Ga., Atlanta**—PLANT—Scripto, Inc., 423 Houston St. N.E., plant on 33-acre tract northwest of Piedmont Rd. and Southern Ry. underpass $1,500,000.

▲ **Ga., Macon**—PLANT—Armstrong Cork Co., Liberty and Charlotte Sts., Lancaster, Pa., 21,000 sq. ft. plant addn. $2,000,000.

▲ **Ia., Iowa City**—PLANT—Procter & Gamble Co., Gwynne Bldg., Cincinnati, branch plant. $6,000,000.

▲ **Massachusetts**—POWER PLANT—Yankee Atomic Electric Co., William Webster, pres., 441 Stuart St., Boston, approx. 100,000 kilowatts atomic power plant, western part, $30,000,000. CD 4/6.

▲ **Mont., Butte**—FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER—Safeway Stores, Inc., Mayer Bldg., food distribution center, incl. grocery warehouse, meat warehouse, perishable goods warehouse, truck repair shop, loading equip. on 43 acre tract. $4,000,000.

▲ **N. Y., Astoria**—GENERATOR—Consolidated Edison Co., 4 Irving Pl., New York, N. Y., 300,000 kw. generator for addn. to Astoria plant, $60,000,000.

▲ **Tex., Athens**—PLANT—Olive-Myers-Spalti Mfg. Co., 2220 Young St., Dallas, 1 story ultra-modern brick, steel, windowless furniture mfg. plant, $2,250,000; products warehousing, $245,000. Giffels & Vallet, Inc., 3518 Polk St., Houston, and L. Rossetti, 1000 Marquette Bldg., Detroit, Mich., engrs. CD 8/24.

▲ **Tex., Lufkin**—FOUNDRY—Texas Foundries, Inc., Lufkin, steel foundry expansion $1,000,000; warehousing or storage for foundry products, $100,000.

▲ **Wash., Tacoma**—PLANT—St. Regis Paper Co., 230 Park Ave., New York, N. Y., kraft paper and board plant, $20,000,000.

▲ **Ont., Havelock**—MINING DEVELOPMENT—Canadian Flint & Spar Co., Ltd., 140 Wellington St., Ottawa, mining development, housing development for employees, $1,500,000.

▲ **Que., Oka**—MINING DEVELOPMENT—Molybdenum Corp. of America, 500 5th Ave., New York, N. Y., USA. mining development near here, 45 mi. northwest of Montreal, 8,000-acre site, $3,000,000.

## UNCLASSIFIED

▲ **Colo., Denver**—PARKS, etc.—City and Denver Co., City and County Bldg., bond election May 17, expanding, extending, imprv. developing public parks system and recreational facilities, $2,000,000. Dewey Wright, city engr. CD 6/22/53.

▲ **Texas**—GAS MAINS, etc.—Wilcox Trend Gathering System, Inc., c/o Harry W. Bass, Mercantile Commerce Bldg., Dallas, 16 mi. large gas main, $480,000; 2,000 hp. compressor station and lines, $1,000,000; 2,200 hp. compressor station to existing lines, $1,220,000; 75 hp. field compressor and lines, $200,000, all above work at Lehar Co. (near Cuevo).


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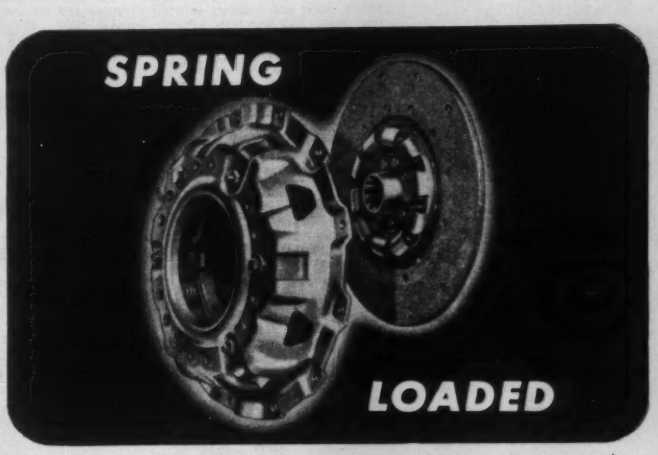

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# Bids—Low Bids—Contracts—Second Section

## NEW ENGLAND

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS
BRIDGES
May 4, Maine & New Brunswick
STREETS AND ROADS
May 6, Vermont

† **Rhode Island**—AAA FACILITIES—BA 5/6—U. S. Eng., 857 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass., Special AAA facilities, North Kingston, ENG-19-016-55-106. $900,000. Plans deposit $50. Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, 11 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., engrs. CD 11/15.

▲ **MASSACHUSETTS**—BA 5/10—Massachusetts Turnpike Auth., 80 Boylston St., Boston,

**Hopkinson, Westboro, Southboro, Ashland and Framingham**—Contr. 51-093 hy. and bridge constr. $3,000,000. Plans deposit $10, The Clarkeson Engineers Co., Inc., 285 Columbus Ave., Boston, section engr., Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff, 80 Boylston St., Boston, engrs. CD 8/11.

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **Mass., Lowell**—HOUSING—BA 5/18—Lowell Housing Auth., 18 Market St., Bishop Markham Village Housing, 372 units, heating, ventilating, plumbing and electric included, $3,000,000. Plans deposit $100, refundable, Korkyn & Browne, 184 Boylston St., Boston, archts. CD 8/17/54, under LB.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲† **J. R. Cianchette**, 120 S. Main St., Pittsfield, Me. CA $2,269,931, est. $2,500,000. airfield pavements exten. Loring Air Force Base, ENG-19-016-55-63, LIMESTONE, ME. U. S. Eng., 857 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. CD 3/22, under LB.

▲ **MASSACHUSETTS**—Commonwealth of Mass., Dpt. P. Wks., 100 Nashua St., Boston,

**Gil Wyner, Inc.**, 12 Newland St., Malden, Mass. and **Grande & Sons, Inc.**, 425A Broadway, Everett, Mass. (joint venture). CA $3,335,857, est. $4,000,000. Contr. 3 Northeast Expressway easterly connection to Revere Beach and Orange St., Chelsea and Revere. CD 4/1, under LB.

† **Cefalo & Sons Co.**, 42 Bennett St., W. Lynn Mass. LB $823,343, est. $900,000. AAA facilities, Boston Defense area, ENG-19-016-55-112, MASSACHUSETTS. U. S. Eng., 857 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. Bids Apr. 18. CD 4/11.

### BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Vermont Structural Steel Co.**, 207 Farmington Ave., Burlington, Vt., CA Est. $1,000,000. superstructure MFG. BLDG., RUTLAND, VT. Tampax, Inc., 161 E. 42 St., New York, N. Y. CD 12/16, under CA.

**McCutcheon Co.**, 250 Stuart St., Boston, Mass. CA Approx. $850,000. GRADUATE LIVING CENTER, CAMBRIDGE, MASS. Radcliffe College, 10 Garden St., Cambridge, Mass. Bids Apr. 4. CD 3/20.

**Andrew Wilson Co.**, 616 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass. rejected bids Apr. 1. factory addn., near Melrose and Water Sts., LAWRENCE, MASS. LB $125,983. Will re-advertise. CD 4/5, under LB.

**Town of Barrington, Supt. Schools**, Maple Ave., Barrington, R. I. rejected bids Mar. 30, Hampden Meadows Elementary SCHOOL, BARRINGTON, R. I. LB $414,931, est. $360,000. Michael Troficante, 175 Taunton Ave., East Providence, R. I., archt. New bids Apr. 20. CD 4/6, under LB.

▲ **Bonwit Constr. Co.**, 370 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y., CA, $1,500,000, two APARTMENTS, 76 families, South Lafayette Pl., GREENWICH, CONN. 50 Lafayette Corp., c/o general contractor. S. J. Kessley & Son, 551 5th Ave., New York, N. Y., archts.

**Thomas J. Riordan**, Hoyt St., Norwalk, Conn., CA, $795,400, Junior High SCHOOL, West Rocks Area, NORWALK, CONN. City, Supt. Schools, Norwalk, Conn. Bids Mar. 22. CD 3/28, under LB.

**F. W. Brown Co.**, Yantic Flats, Conn., CA, $601,124. East Great Plain Elementary SCHOOL, New London Pike, NORWICH, CONN. City, City Hall, Norwich, Conn. Bids Apr. 12. CD 4/18, under LB.

## MIDDLE ATLANTIC

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION
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May 3, Maryland May 13, Pennsylvania
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▲† **Md., Andrews Air Force Base**—HOSPITAL—BA 6/1—U.S. Eng., First and Douglas Sts. N.W., Wash. 25, D.C., 25-500 bed hospital, ENG-49-080-55-46-(43), $5,000,000. Plans deposit $100. CD 4/6.

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **Pa., Aliquippa**—HOSPITAL—BA 5/10—Aliquippa Hospital, 384 Franklin Ave., 3½ story, brick, tile, steel hospital. $2,000,000. Michael Baker & Joseph Bontempo, Rochester, archts. Eggers & Higgins, 100 E. 42 St., New York, N. Y., archts. design. CD 1/24/52.

▲ **N. Y., Buffalo**—HOUSING—BA 5/11—Buffalo Municipal Housing Auth., City Hall, Zone 2, constr. six 7 story apartments for Kensington Heights (Proj. NYS 61-C), steel and masonry constr., Fillmore and Kensington Aves. $3,000,000. Plans deposit $75. Milton Milstein, 730 Prudential Bldg., archt. CD 3/27/53.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Ardsley Constr. Co., Inc.**, 285 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y., LB $1,123,262, Contr. LT-160.026, New Jersey Ventilation Bldg. for the Third Tube of Lincoln Tunnel, NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY. The Port of New York Auth., 111 8th Ave., New York 11, N. Y. Bids Apr. 19. CD 3/11.

▲ **NEW JERSEY**—New Jersey Turnpike Auth., Administration Bldg., New Brunswick,

**Franklin Contg. Co.**, 12 Central Ave., Newark, N. J., LB, $3,357,144, Contract PE-4, 9 bridge structures, extending an existing bridge, constr. box culvert in connection with Pennsylvania Exten. of N. J. Turnpike, Burlington Co. Bids Apr. 20. CD 3/29.

▲ **NEW JERSEY**—New Jersey Turnpike Auth., Administration Bldg., New Brunswick,

**Kingston Bituminous Products Co.**, Kingston, N. J., LB $2,585,614. Contract PE-5, roadway pavements, shoulders, guard rails, right-of-way fencing, pavement marking, side-of-rod delineators topsoiling and seeding for Penna. extension N. J. Turnpike, Burlington Co. Bids Apr. 20. Bids Apr. 8.

**Allen N. Spooner & Sons**, 143 Liberty St., New York 6, N. Y., LB, $929,929. rehabilitation and widening substructure of Pier No. 3, Hoboken-Port Authority Piers, Contract HP 120.007, HOBOKEN, N. J. The Port of New York Auth., 111 Eighth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. Bids Apr. 19. CD 3/21.

▲ **PENNSYLVANIA**—State Hy. Dpt., 506 North Office Bldg., Harrisburg,

Pa.—**D. E. Smith, Inc.**, Mifflintown, Pa., LB $675,715, 45,167 ft. crushed aggregate base with bit. surf. 20 ft. wide, one I-beam and one rein.-con. bridge, T. R. 414, Leroy and Franklin Twps.;

Pa.—**Fyock & Reed**, R.D. 3, Stoystown, Pa., LB $246,974, widn. 14,085 ft. road with crushed aggregate base variable in width and surf. with bit. surf. T. R. 120, Shippen, Portage and Lumber Twps., Cameron Co.;

Pa.—**Hempt Brothers**, R.D. 1, Camp Hill, Pa., LB $110,217, 3,600 ft. crushed aggregate base with bit. surf. 24 ft. wide, L. R. 22013 (3), Derry Twp., Dauphin Co.;

Pa.—**Trinity Paving Co.**, 1460 N. 52nd St. Phila. 31, Pa. LB $89,059, 2,396 ft. crushed aggregate base with bit. surf. variable in width, T. R. 320, Marple Twp., Delaware Co.;

Pa.—**Bero Constr. Corp.**, 259 Delaware Ave., Buffalo 2, N. Y. LB $1,171,699, 42,491 ft. rein.-con. road variable in width, divided hy., T.R. 5, North East Twp., Erie Co.;

Pa.—**W. L. Dunn Constr. Co.**, Cochranton, Pa., LB $136,763, widn. and overlay 8,529 ft. roadway with crushed aggregate base and bit. surf. 22 ft. wide, one I-beam bridge, T. R. 6, LeBoeuf Twp., Mill Village Boro Erie Co.;

Pa.—**Wagner Constr. Co.**, 115 S. Wyoming Ave., Kingston, Pa. LB $71,487, widn. 705 ft. both sides existing road with crushed aggregate base and bit. surf. variable in width, T. R. 315, Plains Twp., Laflin Boro, Luzerne Co.; LB $338,978, widening 25,600 ft. existing road with crushed aggregate base and bit. surf. on new and existing pavement, T. R. 309-115, Dallas Boro, Dallas and Monroe Twps., Luzerne and Wyoming Counties. Bids Apr. 15. CD 3/23.

▲ **Verona Constr. Co., Inc.**, 251½ Grove St., Verona, N. J., CA, $919,400, sewerage system;

**Consolidated Constr. Co. of N. J., Inc.**, 28 Cooper St., Woodbury, N. J., CA, $297,624 treatment plant;

**McElwee-Courbis Constr. Co., Inc.**, 503 Market St., Camden, N. J., CA, $146,990. mechanical equipment, PENNS GROVE, N. J. Penns Grove Sewerage Auth., Penns Grove, N. J. Grand total $1,364,014. Bids Apr. 7. CD 3/28.

### BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **William A. Crow Constr. Co.**, 101 Park Ave., New York, N. Y., CA Approx. $2,000,000. 6 story HOSPITAL, ALBANY, N. Y. Albany Memorial Hospital, New Scotland Ave., Albany, N. Y. Bids Mar. 8. CD 2/11.

▲ **Driscoll-Moccia Constr. Co.**, 41 E. 42 St., New York 17, N. Y., CA $13,977,430, general constr.;

**Jarcho Bros., Inc.**, 38-18 33 St., Long Island City, N. Y., CA $1,343,977, heating and ventilating;

**Nager Elec. Co., Inc.**, 426 Broadway, Brooklyn 11, N. Y. CA $1,088,000, electrical work;

**Far Plumbing Co.**, 2018 Crotona Parkway, New York 60, N. Y., CA $1,375,000, plumbing for Marlboro HOUSES, Proj. NYS-64-2, in area bounded by W. 11 St., Avenue W, Stillwell Ave., Avenue V, 86 St., W. 8th St., Avenue X BROOKLYN, N. Y. Grand total $17,784,407. New York City Housing Auth., 299 Broadway, New York 7, N. Y. Bids Mar. 1. CD 3/3 under LB.

**A. A. La Fountain, Inc.**, 161 Beech St., Hackensack, N. J. CA $952,185, HIGH SCHOOL, on 28-acre tract. on Herbertsville Rd., FREEHOLD, N. J. Regional Bd. Educ., Freehold, N. J. Bids Mar. 15. CD 3/22, under LB.

▲ **Terminal Constr. Corp.**, State Hy. 17, Wood-Ridge, N. J., LB $2,588,645, general contract;

Frank A. McBride, Co., 75 Spring St., Paterson, N. J., LB $488,362, heating and ventilating work;

**Ernest Jarvis & Co.**, 236 Chestnut St., Newark, N. J., LB $359,619 electrical work, for Hudson County ADMINISTRATION BLDG., JERSEY CITY, N. J. Bd. Freeholders Hudson Co., Court House, Newark Ave., Jersey City, N. J. Bids Apr. 14. CD 3/8.

▲ **Samuel Schafran Assoc.**, c/o Maxfield Blaufeux, archt., 44 Court St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Owner Builds, $1,000,000. Mahwah SHOPPING CENTER, 30-acre tract north of Ramsey Traffic Circle, MAHWAH, N. J.

▲ **A. A. La Fountain Inc.**, 1745 Nolden Ave., Trenton, N. J. CA $1,059,270. HIGH SCHOOL, PRINCETON, N. J. Bd. Educ., Moore St., Princeton, N. J. Bids Apr. 5. CD 4/12, under LB.

▲ **Graziano Constr. Co.**, 7321 Frankstown Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., CA $2,143,300. 2 story brick, block Junior HIGH SCHOOL, Peach and Cherry Sts., ERIE, PA. School Dist. of Erie, South Park Row and French St., Erie, Pa. Bids Mar. 23. CD 4/14.

**Landau Bros. Building Co.**, 125 First Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., CA Est. $500,000. 3 story brick, block, steel frame RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BLDG. addn., MOUNT LEBANON, PA. Mount Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Washington Rd., Mount Lebanon, Pittsburgh, Pa. Robert Schmertz, 1156 Century Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa., archt. CD 11/29/48.

▲ **Warwick Building Co.**, 5 N. Guilford Ave., Baltimore 2, Md. CA $1,450,000. 145 asbestos shingle HOMES, Westbury Rd., Malbay Court, Hedgewood Rd., Warwick Dr., Orchard Hills Section, BALTIMORE, MD. Edmondale Building Co., 5 N. Guilford Ave., Baltimore 2, Md.

**Wm. P. Lipscomb Co. Inc.**, Washington Bldg., Wash., D. C., CA, $642,965, 3 story OFFICE, 15 St., Massachusetts Ave. and Scott Circle, WASH., D. C. American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1515 Mass. Ave. NW., Wash., D. C. Bids Mar. 17, awarded Apr. 15. CD 3/25, under LB.

## SOUTH

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **Tenn., Nashville**—HOSPITAL BLDG.—BA 5/12—State of Tennessee, State Capitol, 5 story central sect., two 4 story wings on each end, receiving and active treatment bldg., at Central State Hospital. $2,000,000. CD 4/4.

### BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Darin & Armstrong, Inc.**, 2041 Fenkel Bldg., Detroit, Mich., CA. 358,200 sq. ft. main PLANT structure; 400,000 sq. ft. paving for roads, parking areas, sidewalks and pedestrian underpass; and laying 4,500 ft. of railroad tracks at plant, near RAVENSWOOD, W. VA. Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp., Kaiser Bldg., 1924 Broadway, Oakland 12, Calif. Bids Apr. 8. CD 3/30.

▲† **Ray M. Lee Const. Co.**, 1004 Edgewood Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga. CA $5,827,956, 500-bed HOSPITAL, ENG-31-075-55-39, FORT BRAGG, N. C. U. S. Eng., 308 Custom House, Wilmington, N. C. Bids Apr. 7, awarded Apr. 8. CD 3/8.

▲ **Culpepper & Edwards**, Pelham, Ga., LB, $1,380,977, Reedy Creek Elementary SCHOOL; Okapilco elementary SCHOOL addn., mechanical remodeling; Berlin elementary SCHOOL addn. and mechanical remodeling; Doerun Elementary and HIGH SCHOOL addn. and Doerun shop; Funston Elementary SCHOOL; Doerun Colored Elementary SCHOOL, Charles A. Grey Elementary SCHOOL, Norman Park Elementary and High SCHOOL addn., mechanical remodeling of Norman Park Elementary and High SCHOOL, Hamilton Elementary SCHOOL, MOULTRIE, GA. State School Bldg. Auth., 41 Exchange Pl. S.E., Atlanta, Ga. Bids Apr. 14. CD 3/10.

**Walters Constr. Co.**, Ellijay, Ga., CA, $810,615. Ringgold Elementary SCHOOL (white); Lakeview High SCHOOL; Boynton Elementary SCHOOL; Ringgold High SCHOOL; Westside Elementary SCHOOL; Ringgold Negro Elementary SCHOOL, RINGGOLD, GA. State School Bldg. Auth., 41 Exchange Pl. S. E., Atlanta, Ga. Bids Mar. 22, awarded Apr. 14. CD 3/28, under LB.

**Richardson Constr. Co.**, 645 N. W. 7 Ave. (P. O. Box 1661), Fort Lauderdale, Fla., CA, $500,000. 5 story professional OFFICE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. The Professional Building Corp., c/o contractor. Gamble, Pownall & Gilroy, 1407 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., archts.

**Stivers Bros.**, 341 E. Fourth St., Frankfort, Ky. CA $507,490. AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM and COMMUNITY BLDG., FRANKFORT, KY. City, Frankfort, Ky. Bids Mar. 24, awarded Apr. 4. (Correction-contractor). CD 4/5, under CA.

▲ **Construction Management, Inc.**, 1542 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind. CA Est. $9,000,000. 38,000 sq. ft. steel casket mfg. PLANT, 1 story, 40,000 sq. ft. OFFICE, HENDERSON, KY. Funeral Directors Mfg. & Supply Co., Inc., 1057 Cherokee Rd., Louisville, Ky.

## MIDDLE WEST

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION
STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS
BRIDGES
May 3, Michigan May 10, Wisconsin
STREETS AND ROADS
May 10, Wisconsin May 24, Ohio

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **O., Toledo**—HOSPITAL—BA 5/11—Toledo Hospital, North Cove Blvd., hospital addn. at site. $3,000,000. Ellerbe & Co., E. 505 First Natl. Bank Bldg., St. Paul, Minn., archts. Bellman, Gillette & Richards, 518 Jefferson Ave., assoc. archts. CD 2/10/54.

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| Engine | Horsepower and Piston Displacement | Pounds per Horsepower | Fuel Consumption—pounds per BHP per hour | Horsepower per Cubic Inch Displacement | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Engine A** | 110 at 2200 RPM<br>358 cu. in. | (Stripped Engine)<br>7.38 | .54 | .307 | **CHRYSLER ADVANTAGES OVER ENGINE A**<br>. . . delivers 18 more horsepower<br>. . . weighs 96 pounds less with 24% less weight per horsepower<br>. . . uses 7.5% less fuel at average operating speed<br>. . . delivers 26% more horsepower per cubic inch displacement |
| **Chrysler Model Ind. 24A** | 128 at 2200 RPM<br>331 cu. in. | (Stripped Engine)<br>5.58 | .50 | .387 | |
| **Engine B** | 104 at 2400 RPM*<br>330 cu. in. | (Stripped Engine)<br>6.92 | (Information not available) | .315 | **CHRYSLER ADVANTAGES OVER ENGINE B**<br>. . . delivers 34 more horsepower<br>. . . weighs 5 pounds less with 25% less weight per horsepower<br>. . . delivers 32% more horsepower per cubic inch displacement |
| **Chrysler Model Ind. 24A** | 138 at 2400 RPM<br>331 cu. in. | (Stripped Engine)<br>5.18 | .50 | .416 | |
| **Engine C** | 99 at 2200 RPM<br>320 cu. in. | (Stripped Engine)<br>7.64 | .56 | .309 | **CHRYSLER ADVANTAGES OVER ENGINE C**<br>. . . delivers 29 more horsepower<br>. . . weighs 60 pounds less with 27% less weight per horsepower<br>. . . uses 10.5% less fuel at average operating speed<br>. . . delivers 25% more horsepower per cubic inch displacement |
| **Chrysler Model Ind. 24A** | 128 at 2200 RPM<br>331 cu. in. | (Stripped Engine)<br>5.58 | .50 | .387 | |
| **Engine D** | 117 at 2200 RPM<br>317 cu. in. | 6.5** | .50 | .369 | **CHRYSLER ADVANTAGES OVER ENGINE D**<br>. . . delivers 11 more horsepower<br>. . . weighs 19 pounds more *but* with 6% less weight per horsepower<br>. . . delivers 5% more horsepower per cubic inch displacement |
| **Chrysler Model Ind. 24A** | 128 at 2200 RPM<br>331 cu. in. | 6.1** | .50 | .387 | |
| **Engine E** | 97 at 2200 RPM<br>372 cu. in. | (Complete Engine)<br>12.85 | .58 | .260 | **CHRYSLER ADVANTAGES OVER ENGINE E**<br>. . . delivers 31 more horsepower<br>. . . weighs 395 pounds less with 48.7% less weight per horsepower<br>. . . uses 14% less fuel at average operating speed<br>. . . delivers 49% more horsepower per cubic inch displacement |
| **Chrysler Model Ind. 24A** | 128 at 2200 RPM<br>331 cu. in. | (Complete Engine)<br>6.6 | .50 | .387 | |

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▲ **Ill., Chicago**—HOUSING—BA 5/17—Chicago Housing Auth., 608 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, six apartments, incl. 1,184 units and boiler house, 35 and State Sts. $15,000,000. Holabird, Root & Burgee, 180 N. Wabash St., Zone 1, archts. CD 7/9.

SOON LETS CONTRACT—BUILDINGS

▲ **Mich., Sterling**—PLANT—Ford Motor Co., 3000 Schaefer St., Dearborn, soon lets contract site preparation underground services only, for Ford chassis parts plant, 17 Mile and Mound Rd. $25,000,000. Albert Kahn Associated Architects & Engineers, Inc., 345 New Center Bldg., Detroit, engr.-archt. CD 2/16.

## HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

### LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **INDIANA**—Indiana Toll Road Comn., 309 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, Zone 4,
**Peter Kiewit Sons Co., & Condon Cunningham Co.**, 15806 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, O., LB $5,209,159. Contract No. 6, dual highway and bridges East Chicago to Hammond, Indiana East-West Toll Road. Bids Apr. 13. Richardson, Morehouse, Ramsey & Fisher, 401 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., engrs. CD 2/7.

▲ **INDIANA**—Indiana Toll Road Comn., 309 W. Washington St., Indianapolis.
**W. E. O'Neil Constr. Co.**, 2751 N. Clybourn St., Chicago, Ill., CA, $5,486,858. Contract 3/4, grading, drainage, structures, rein.-con. paving 1 mi. Indiana East-West Toll Road, City of Hammond, Lake Co. Bids Apr. 6, awarded Apr. 14. CD 4/8, under LB.

▲ **ILLINOIS**—State Div. Hys., Springfield,
Ill.—**J. M. Corbett & Co.**, 2501 Salt St., Chicago 8, Ill., CA, $1,731,080, c. conc. 0.58 mi. F.A. 131 (Congress St. Expressway) from Racine Ave. to Halsted, Chicago, Cook Co.;
Ill.—**O'Connor Constr. Co.**, 320 Reisch Bldg., Springfield, Ill., CA $1,629,945, c. conc. 10.94 mi. U.S. 40 Clark Co. Bids Apr. 1, awarded Apr. 19. CD 4/6, under LB.

## BUILDINGS

### LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Gabay Development Co.**, 2679½ E. Main St., Columbus, O. Owner Builds. $3,000,000. 145 HOMES on site of Berwick Golf Course, COLUMBUS, O.

**Repp & Mundt Constr. Co.**, Columbus, Ind., CA, $853,311, GRADE SCHOOL, LINTON, IND. School Bd., Linton, Ind., and Atockton Twp., Linton, Ind.

▲ **Joseph J. Duffy**, 4994 Elston St., Chicago, Ill., CA, $5,317,829, Dunbar Vocational and Trade SCHOOL, 3807 W. 111 St., CHICAGO, ILL. Bd. Educ. 228 N. La Salle St., Chicago 1, Ill. Bids Apr. 1, awarded Apr. 12. CD 4/12, under LB.

▲ **Met Bldg. Corp.**, 3822 W. 63 St., Chicago, Ill. Own Forces. $15,000,000. 1,000 HOMES area of Pulaski Rd. and 83 St., CHICAGO, ILL. M. J. McCarthy, 6201 S. Washtenaw St., Chicago, Ill., archt.

▲ **Welso Constr. Co.**, 2448 W. Fletcher St., Chicago, Ill., CA, $1,000,000. APARTMENT HOTEL, 5538 South Lake Shore Dr., CHICAGO, ILL. Owner c/o A. Epstein & Sons Co., archt., 2011 Pershing Rd., Chicago, Ill. Bids Mar. 28. CD 3/16.

▲ **Leonard E. Cooper**, 6283 Archer Ave., Chicago, Ill., Own Forces. $1,200,000, 100 HOMES, LANSING, ILL. John Bartolomeo, 10834 S. Western St., Chicago, Ill., archt.

▲ **J. Emil Anderson & Son Co.**, 1809 Balmoral St., Chicago 40, Ill., CA, $2,000,000. piano mfg. FACTORY, MELROSE PARK, ILL. W. W. Kimball, 31 E. Jackson St., Chicago, Ill. Arthur M. Heda, 1809 Balmoral St., Chicago 40, Ill., archt. Awarded Apr. 12.

▲ **Murray & Ingle**, 30 E. St. Charles Rd., Villa Park, Ill. Own Forces. $1,400,000. 70 HOMES, near VILLA PARK, ILL.

▲ **Guy Fishman & Mel Wolfson**, 225 E. Ontario St., Chicago, Ill. Own Forces. $6,000,000. 500 HOMES sewers and paving, WHEELING, ILL.

**Mercury Builders**, 5412 North Ave., Chicago, Ill., CA, $915,931, four SCHOOL addns., LYONS, ILL. School Dist. No. 103, 41 and Joliet Ave., Lyons, Ill. Bids Apr. 5, awarded Apr. 12. CD 4/12, under LB.

▲ **Miller Builders**, 4855 N. Kedzie St., Chicago, Ill., Own Forces, $1,100,000. 50 HOMES, MORTON GROVE, ILL.

▲ **Delgado Constr. Co.**, 1106 W. Central Rd., Mount Prospect, Ill., Own Forces, $1,600,000, 100 HOMES, area of MOUNT PROSPECT, ILL. James Viger, 1000 E. Northwest Hy., Mount Prospect, Ill., archt.

▲ **Delgado Constr. Co.**, 1106 W. Central Rd., Mount Prospect, Ill., Own Forces, $1,600,000. 100 HOMES, WHEELING, ILL. James Viger, 1000 E. Northwest Hy., Mount Prospect, Ill., archt.

**Gebhard-Berghammer, Inc.**, 5420 W. State St., Milwaukee 8, Wis., CA, $850,000. CHURCH, RECTORY and CONVENT addn., WAUWATOSA, WIS. Christ King Catholic Congregation, 2610 Swan Blvd., Wauwatosa, Wis. Brust & Brust, 135 W. Wells St., Milwaukee 3, Wis., archts.

▲ **Ranch Homes, Inc.**, 625 Hunter Blvd., Birmingham, Mich. Owner Builds. $5,000,000. Christian Hills, 255 ranch HOUSES, Auburn and Adams Rds., BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

▲ **A. W. Kutsche Co.**, 6275 Schaefer St., Dearborn, Mich. CA, $1,043,835. James Couzens Elementary SCHOOL, DETROIT, MICH. City, Bd. Educ., 1354 Broadway, Detroit, Mich. Bids Apr. 6. CD 3/21.

▲ **Darin & Armstrong, Inc.**, 2041 Fenkell St., Detroit 38, Mich. CA Est. $10,000,000. ENGINEERING BLDG., DETROIT, MICH. Chrysler Corp., J. C. Zeder, vice pres., 12800 Oakland St., Detroit 3, Mich. CD 3/15.

▲ **Walter L. Couse & Co.**, 12740 Lyndon St., Detroit, Mich. CA Est. $1,100,000. SHOPPING CENTER, 30 stores, Cherry Hill and Inkster Rds., INKSTER, MICH. Cherry Hill Plaza, 103 N. Telegraph Rd., Dearborn Mich. Bids Apr. 6. CD 4/4.

▲ **Grandville Constr. Co.**, Livonia, Mich. CA Est. $1,200,000. 110 brick ranch HOMES, Norwich and Seven Mile Rd. section, LIVONIA, MICH. Hannan Real Estate Exchange Inc., 300 Lafayette Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

▲ **Owosso Lumber & Coal Co.**, J. J. Buckley, Owosso, Mich. Owner Builds $1,500,000. Bentley Subdivision, 80 HOMES, 37 acres, OWOSSO, MICH. CD 9/15.

▲ **Bernard Edelman**, 10300 Woodward Ave., Detroit 2, Mich. Owner Builds. $4,000,000. SHOPPING CENTER, Bloomfield Shopping Town, Franklin, Telegraph, Square Lake Rd. and Pontiac Line, PONTIAC, MICH.

▲ **Practical Home Builders, Inc.**, 13440 W. Seven Mile Rd., Detroit, Mich. Owner Builds. $3,500,000. 297 brick HOUSES, 70 acre site Delaware and Seven Mile Rd., REDFORD, MICH.

▲ **Stieber Realty Co.**, (agent), 21999 Gratiot St., East Detroit, Mich. Owner Builds. $3,000,000. 300 brick HOMES Winthrop Ave. and M-59 section, UTICA, MICH.

## WEST OF MISSISSIPPI

### BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

### STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS

**BRIDGES**
May 3, Iowa

**STREETS AND ROADS**
May 3, Iowa May 5, Kansas

### BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

**Tex., Houston**—SCHOOL—BA 5/5—Housing Independent School Dist., 1400 Capitol St., Finnigan Park Elementary School. $400,000. Plans deposit $25. Milton McGinty, 2425 Ralph St., archt. Ralph Huffington, 301 Avondale St., Grafius, Duke & Assocs., 2801 San Jacinto St., and James I. Stillman, 1510 Barbee St., engrs. CD 11/22.

▲ **Colo., Pueblo**—HOSPITAL—BA 6/17—Sisters of Charity, Mount St. Joseph, O., 400-bed, 7 story, brick, steel St. Mary-Corwin Hospital addn. $7,000,000. John K. Monroe, Security Life Bldg., Denver, archt. Phillips-Carter-Osborn, Insurance Bldg., Denver, engrs. Engineering Service Co., 9751 Montview Bldg., Denver, electrical engrs. Marshall & Johnson, 280 S. Penn St., Denver, mechanical engrs.

▲ **Tex., Houston**—REFORMING UNIT—Bids Asked—Sinclair Refining Co., Gulf Bldg., 24,000-bbl. daily


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### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲† **Worth Constr. Co.,** 300 Greenleaf St., Fort Worth, Tex., CA **$3,611,758,** est. $3,588,665, concrete apron runway and taxiway strengthening, ENG-41-443-55-82, Connally Air Force Base, WACO, TEX. U. S. Eng., Box 1600, Fort Worth, Tex. Bids Apr. 14 awarded Apr. 15. CD 4/18, under LB.

† **List & Clark Constr. Co.,** Railway Exchange Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., LB **$598,618,** est. $839,408, enlarging Alamogordo Dam, Fort Sumner, Spec. DC 4370, NEW MEXICO. Bureau Reclamation, Dpt. Interior, Fort Sumner, N. M. Bids Apr. 14. CD 3/8.

### BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Wangstad & Son,** 4256 Nokomis Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. Owner Builds. Approx. **$1,500,000.** Brooklyn Terrace addn., 85 DWELLING HOUSING, 61 Ave. N and Osseo Rd., Brooklyn Center, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

**U-Tote-Em Grocery,** 6736 Navigation Blvd., Houston, Tex. Purchase and Hire. **$750,000.** group of RETAIL STORE UNITS, HOUSTON, TEX. CD 3/18/54.

▲ **Judd & Co.,** Interstate Trust Bldg., Denver, Colo., Owner Builds, **$2,000,000,** University Hills SHOPPING CENTER No. 2, DENVER, COLO. CD 1/4.

**School District No. 4,** Rangeley, Colo., rejected bids Mar. 30, HIGH SCHOOL addn., RANGELEY, COLO. LB **$848,954,** est. $625,000. Will re-advertise. CD 4/7, under LB.

**Lembke, Clough & King, Inc.,** Box 455, Albuquerque, N. M., CA **$625,682,** est. $600,000. HOSPITAL, CARLSBAD, N. M. Carlsbad Community Hospital, Carlsbad, N. M. Bids Feb. 4, awarded Apr. 15. CD 2/16 under LB.

## FAR WEST

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS

BRIDGES

May 18, California

STREETS AND ROADS

May 11, 18, 19, California

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **Calif., Vacaville**—RECEPTION, etc.—BA 5/10—State Div. Architecture, P. Wks. Bldg., Sacramento, reception and guidance center, California Medical Facility, $3,000,000. Extended date. CD 4/13.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

† **T. M. Page Corp. & RCR Corp.,** 145 N. Duarte Rd., Monrovia, Calif., LB, **$859,247,** est. $750,000, Sawpit Wash channel imprv., Azusa, Los Angeles Co., ENG-04-353-55-34, CALIFORNIA. U. S. Eng., 751 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids Apr. 12. CD 3/16.

▲ **A. Teichert & Son, Inc.,** Box 397, Baldwin Park, Calif., CA, **$1,532,648,** Proj. 62, North Main St. and Mission Rd. relief storm drain, Lines A & B and portion of Line C, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Los Angeles Flood Control Dist., 2250 Alcazar St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids Apr. 1. CD 3/8.

**Rothschild, Raffin & Wierick,** 274 Brannan St., San Francisco, Calif., LB, **$824,258,** water supply system, spillway and outlet works, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. City and San Francisco Co., City Hall, San Francisco, Calif. CD 2/5/45.

▲ † **Morley Building Co.,** 9304 Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif., LB **$2,526,060.** base maintenance hangar, George Air Force Base, ENG-04-353-55-116, VICTORVILLE, CALIF. U.S. Eng., 751 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids Apr. 20.

### BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

**Ace Raymond,** 1032 N. Main St., Logan, Utah, LB **$526,850.** constr. girls' DORMITORY at Utah State Agricultural College, LOGAN, UTAH. Utah State Bldg. Bd., 419 State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah. Bids Mar. 29. CD 3/22.

▲† **Macdonald Bldg. Co.,** 1517 S. Tacoma Way, Tacoma, Wash., LB, **$1,999,100.** imprv. 53 temporary barracks, 2 quarters and 11 messhalls, incl. installation 11 distr. transformers, Inv. 55-122, FORT LEWIS, WASH. Dpt. Army, Purch. & Contg. Officer, Fort Lewis, Wash. Bids Apr. 15. CD 4/6.

**Ruud Constr. Co.,** Realty Bldg., Spokane, Wash., CA **$491,194,** Elementary SCHOOL, POMEROY, WASH. School Bd., Pomeroy, Wash. Bids. CD 11/15.

**San Marco Homes, Inc.,** 1373 Jackson St., Hayward, Calif. Owner Builds **$488,000,** 61 HOME subdivision, HAYWARD, CALIF.

▲ **Gus K. Newburg Constr. Co.,** 11732 S. Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, Calif., LB **$3,797,000** general contract;

**West Coast Plumbing & Heating Co.,** 5715 West Adams St., Los Angeles, Calif., LB **$677,620** mechanical work;

**Hoffman & Sons,** 1100 Gaviota St., Long Beach, Calif., LB **$530,000.** electrical work for Robert A. Millikan HIGH SCHOOL, LONG BEACH, CALIF. Long Beach


# Darex Diary

*by Henry L. Kennedy*

*Member, American Concrete Institute*
*Manager, Construction Products*
*Dewey & Almy Chemical Company*

*Factors which affect control of air entrainment in concrete

*Specifications for making above-grade masonry water-repellent

REQUIRED AIR CONTENTS can vary 100% in mixes containing different-sized aggregates. Therefore, we've got to be realistic about adding air entraining agents to concrete. Adequate measuring equipment — and trained personnel to operate it — is a must. It's not as simple as knocking a hole in the drum of AEA and adding a "slug" when it's needed.

Let's look at the average range of air contents:

| Max. Size Agg. (In.) | Ave.% Air Recommended | Range Air Percentages |
|---|---|---|
| 6 | 3 | 2—4 |
| 2 | 4 | 3—5 |
| 1½ | 4½ | 3½—5½ |
| 1 | 5 | 4—6 |
| ¾ | 6 | 5—7 |
| ⅜* | 8 | 7—9* |

**This is really a modified mortar, not concrete as we think of it.*

At a rate of ½ to ¾ oz. per sack of cement, DAREX AEA will generally satisfy the above recommendations. But, like the rules of English grammar there are always exceptions and these will either increase or decrease the amount of air entraining agent required.

These conditions, for example, will *decrease* the amount of air to be added:

1. *where abnormally high percentages of sand or of the 30-100 mesh sand fraction have of themselves increased the air content.*
2. *when cold weather has caused more air to be entrained.*
3. *a higher slump (up to 6 inches maximum) gives more air in concrete.*
4. *cement already containing some inter-ground air entraining agent, such as "transition" cement.*

On the other hand, the amount of air may have to be *increased* because of inhibitors such as these:

1. *deficiency of the 30-100 mesh sizes in the sand, or more important, an excess of the 200 mesh size.*
2. *switching from soft to hard water.*
3. *excessive over-loading of the mixer — mixing blades in poor condition.*
4. *switching from a structural mix (max. size ¾" and 5" slump) to a paving mix of low slump (2").*
5. *mixing time too short.*

But here is the real zany situation we encounter at times. In certain geographical locations the fine aggregate may contain a conglomeration of organisms which can actually be saponified by the alkali in the cement to an extent that 4 to 5% air will be entrained. Tests show that this "accidental" air is of little value in increasing the durability of the concrete. Hence, it is necessary to put in a de-airer to eliminate this air, and then add the proper amount of air entraining agent to put back the proper type and amount of air. This situation exists in at least two locations of which I have heard, one in the State of Washington and the other in Canada.

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I MENTIONED in a recent Diary the wonderful job which can be done with DARAWELD cement combinations as a water repellent for the interior of below-grade surfaces.

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Bd. Educ., 715 Locust Ave., Long Beach, Calif. Bids Apr. 15. CD 3/28.

▲ **Theo. G. Meyer & Son,** Quint and Custer Sts., San Francisco, Calif., LB, **$4,680,353,** (2nd unit) 14 story, rein.-con. MEDICAL SCIENCE BLDG., 3 and Parnassus Sts., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. Bd. Regents, University of California, Berkeley, Calif. Bids Mar. 14. CD 3/11.

## CANADA

### BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

▲ Ont., Arva—BA 5/6—R. C. Dunn, engr., London Twp. Offices, Arva, sewage treatment plant, trunk and sanitary sewers for London Twp., Arva, Ont. $1,300,000. CD 5/21/53, under Ont., London.

▲ Ont., Port Credit—HARBOR—BA 5/11—Dpt. P. Wks., Hunter Bldg., Ottawa, harbor development, dredging approach channel and slip 850 ft. long wharf, steel piling. $2,000,000. Plans deposit $50.

### BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

Que., Montreal—SCHOOL—BA 5/2—La Commission Scolaire des Ecoles Catholiques de Ville La Salle, Montreal, 2 story, bsmnt., rein.-con., brick Leroux School, Ville La Salle. $400,000. J. N. Beauchamp, 82 Notre Dame St. W., archt. Beaulieu, Trudeau, Dubuc, Lalancette & Beaulieu, 4151 Sherbrooke St. W., engrs.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION
#### LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

**T. C. Gorman Nova Scotia Ltd.,** 123 Roy Bldg., Halifax, N. S. LB **$977,800,** jetty at R. C. Naval Air Station, DARTMOUTH, N. S. Dpt. P. Wks., Hunter Bldg., Ottawa, Ont. Bids Apr. 13. CD 3/29.

▲ ONTARIO—Dpt. Hys., Parliament Bldgs., Toronto,

Ont.—**McNamara Constr. Ltd.,** 42 Industrial St. Leaside, Toronto, Ont., CA, **$1,493,902** hot mix paving and granular base 17.4 mi. Queen Elizabeth Way from Fort Erie to Lund's Lane, Fort Erie;

Ont.—**Law Constr. Ltd.,** 225 Sterling Rd., Toronto, Ont. CA, **$395,883,** grading, culverts, granular base and hot mix paving 8 mi. Hy. 3 along Kent Elgin Co. line near Essex;

Ont.—**Keystone Contractors Ltd.,** 2490 McDougal St., Windsor, Ont., CA, **$1,047,464,** grading, culverts, granular base and c. conc. 5.4 mi. controlled access Hy. 401 near Windsor. Grand total $2,883,249. Bids Apr. 13, awarded Apr. 15. CD 3/16.

▲ **Miron & Freres Ltd.,** 2201 Ct. St. Michel, Montreal, Que., LB **$1,153,000.** excavation of an overland part of Seaway channel in Lachine Section of St. Lawrence River near Cote Ste. Catherine, ONTARIO, QUEBEC. St. Lawrence Seaway Auth., No. 2 Temporary Bldg., Ottawa, Ont. Bids Apr. 14. CD 3/17.

**Eastwood Constr. Co. Ltd.,** P.O. Box 796, Peterborough, Ont., CA, **$825,000.** 150x335 ft., steel, concrete community center, PETERBOROUGH, ONT. Peterborough Memorial Community Center Bldg. Committee, c/o Blackwell, Craig & Zeidler, archts., 147 Hunter St. W., Peterborough, Ont. Bids Apr. 12, awarded Apr. 18. CD 3/30.

▲ **Jackson-Lewis Co.,** 80 King St. W., Toronto, Ont., CA Est. **$5,000,000.** superstructure for grandstand and clubhouse at race course, Hy. 27 south of Malton Rd., TORONTO, ONT. Ontario Jockey Club Ltd., 103 Church St., Toronto, Ont. Bids Apr. 6, awarded Apr. 18. CD 3/22.

### BUILDINGS
#### LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Wallerstone Constr Co.,** 30 Baker St., London, England, CA, Approx. **$7,000,000,** 2,000,000 bbl. annual capacity cement PLANT, popcum Indian Reserve, near CHILLIWACK, B.C. International Cement Corp., 2325 Chestnut St., Dallas, Tex., U.S.A. CD 9/21.

▲ **North Bay Developments Ltd.,** c/o Dell Constr. Co. Ltd., 2461 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont., Owner Builds, **$1,000,000,** 100 unit HOUSING, at NORTH BAY, ONT.

▲ **Foundation Co. of Canada Ltd.,** 1220 Bay St., Toronto, Ont., CA, **$1,000,000,** 11 story, brick, stone OFFICE, Adelaide and Bay Sts., TORONTO, ONT. Stair Buildings Ltd., c/o Marani & Morris, archts., 1250 Bay St., Toronto Ont. Awarded Apr. 12. CD 6/9/52.

**Foundation Co. of Canada Ltd.,** 1220 Bay St., Toronto, Ont., CA, **$500,000,** 1 story, 220x320 ft. L-shaped steel, brick, cut stone FACTORY, New Malton Rd. near Hy. 27, TORONTO, ONT. James Robertson Co. Ltd., 215 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ont. Bids Apr. 4, awarded Apr. 18. CD 4/1.

**P. A. Lecuyer Ltd.,** P.O. Box 374, Val d'Or, Que., CA, **$805,332,** SCHOOL, GYMNASIUM and RESIDENCE, LA SARRE, QUE. La Municipalite Scolaire de Village de La Sarre, La Sarre, Que. Awarded Apr. 15. CD 2/28, under LB.

▲ **Lux Garden Enterprises,** 1059 Ste. Rose Blvd. W., Montreal, Que. Owner Builds. **$1,000,000.** 100 HOUSES, bungalows, one mi. south of Cartierville bridge, MONTREAL, QUE.

▲ **Douglas Bremner Ltd.,** 5965 Monkland Ave., Montreal, Que., LB, **$1,597,447,** part 1 and 2 story 135x360, 65x165 ft., concrete-steel, brick Northmount High SCHOOL, Mackenzie and Lavoie Aves., MONTREAL, QUE. Protestant Bd. School Comrs. of Montreal, 3460 McTavish St., Montreal, Que. Bids Apr. 14. CD 3/11.

## ALASKA

### BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

† **Alaska, Nome**—SCHOOL—BA 5/18—Alaska P. Wks., Dpt. Interior, Juneau, rein.-con. school addn., Proj 50-A-189. $619,000. Plans deposit $25. CD 2/24/54.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION
#### LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲† **Scheumann & Johnson,** Lloyd Bldg., Seattle 1, Wash., LB **$1,008,900,** 1,245 ft. rein.-con. trestle on Tongass Ave., Proj. 50-A-164, KETCHIKAN ALASKA. Alaska P. Wks., Dpt. Interior, Box 1181 Juneau, Alaska. R. M. Murray, Securities Bldg., Seattle 1, Wash. engr. Bids Apr. 13.

† **Columbia-Geneva Steel Div. of U. S. Steel,** 1331 Third Ave. Bldg., Seattle 1, Wash., CA **$512,360,** sheet steel and H piling for Alaska Railroad Terminal Inv. SECM-7719, SEWARD, ALASKA. General Services Admin., General Services Bldg., Wash. 25, D. C CD 3/3.

## LATIN AMERICA

### BUILDINGS
#### LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Richardson Constr. Co.,** 645 N.W. 7 Ave., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., U. S. A. CA **$50,000,000.** 15,000 HOMES, CHILE. Govt. of Chile, Santiago, Chile.

▲ **Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp.** 260 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., U.S.A. CA Est. **$5,000,000.** 350-room HOTEL, CIUDAD TRUJILLO, SANTO DOMINGO. Govt. of Dominican Republic, Ciudad Trujillo, Santo Domingo.

## AMERICANS ABROAD

### BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

▲ Bids will be taken on the following project under International competitive bidding of NATO.

FRANCE

Ministere de l'Industrie et du Commerce, Service Special des Depots d'Hydrocarbures, 85 blvd. du Montparnasse, Paris. Install over 140 kilometers of 8 in. pipe in the Cambrai-Dunkerque pipe line, one lot of which i to be coated in line and four lots to be coated a plant. Est. $2,285,000. Bidding will close June 8 Firms wanting to bid on this project should repor their interest before April 22. For information o bidding NATO projects see 6/25 Construction Daily


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# UNIT PRICES

## North Carolina Roadwork

Taylor Construction Co., Biltmore, N. C., was low of nine bidders at $478,233 on a roadwork contract awarded by the North Carolina State Highway & Public Works Commission. Work consists of grading, coarse aggregate base course, and bituminous surface treatment on 7.84 mi of road between Foscue and Boone, in the northwest part of the state.

The Taylor bid won by a margin of only 1% due mostly to the 1¢/cy edge on excavation.

Work started March 17, with 260 days for completion. Both rail and road transportation are available, with the jobsite 23 miles from the railhead.

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|---|---|
| 1C Taylor Constr. Co., Biltmore, N. C | $478,233 |
| 2 H. F. Ramsey Co. Inc., Asheville, N. C | 483,245 |
| 9 H. R. Stewart & Co., Asheville, N. C | 688,892 |

| Bids: 8-22-55 Items | Unit | Quantity | Unit Prices 1C | 2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clearing | ac | 29 | $250.00 | $225.00 |
| orchard | ac | 2 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Grubbing | ac | 11 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| orchard | ac | 1 | 50.00 | 25.00 |
| Excavation, unclass | cy | 508,500 | 0.58 | 0.59 |
| drain ditch | cy | 5,300 | 0.75 | 0.59 |
| borrow | cy | 6,500 | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| Overhaul | stay | 100,000 | 0.005 | 0.005 |
| Base crse, course aggr | t | 63,850 | 1.10 | 1.10 |
| Bit surf treatm, C A B C | sy | 101,800 | 0.319 | 0.319 |
| Conc endwalls, cl C | cy | 102 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| RCP for spring, 24" | lf | 20 | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| CMP bit coated, type B: | | | | |
| 15" | lf | 1,002 | 2.95 | 3.00 |
| 18" | lf | 2,972 | 3.90 | 4.00 |
| 24" | lf | 1,248 | 6.00 | 6.00 |
| 30" | lf | 484 | 7.50 | 7.00 |
| 30" 12 ga | lf | 310 | 9.25 | 9.50 |
| 36" | lf | 102 | 11.00 | 12.00 |
| 36" 10 ga | lf | 166 | 13.00 | 14.00 |
| 48" | lf | 68 | 14.25 | 15.00 |
| 48" 10 ga | lf | 150 | 17.25 | 18.00 |
| 54" | lf | 688 | 17.00 | 19.00 |
| 60" 8 ga | lf | 100 | 23.25 | 23.50 |
| 66" | lf | 206 | 26.00 | 26.00 |
| Perf CMP, 6" | lf | 1,000 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Exc, underdrain | cy | 210 | 2.00 | 1.50 |
| Fine aggr, underdrain | cy | 130 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Concrete, spring box | cy | 1 | 75.00 | 70.00 |
| Barbed wire fence reset | lf | 16,000 | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Hog wire fence reset | lf | 5,000 | 0.07 | 0.07 |
| Barb & hogwire reset | lf | 2,000 | 0.10 | 0.10 |
| Other fence reset | lf | 2,000 | 0.25 | 0.20 |
| Galv metal funnels | ea | 2 | 30.00 | 25.00 |
| CMP, 8" | lf | 50 | 1.50 | 1.75 |
| ROW markers | ea | 126 | 6.00 | 5.00 |
| Galv steel pipe, ¾" | lf | 161 | 0.75 | 0.50 |
| 1½" | lf | 65 | 1.25 | 1.00 |

Structural work on the Foscue-Boone highway went to John H. Brinkley, Thomasville, N. C., for $100,074. His bid was 7% below second and lower than second on all items but dry and wet excavation.

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|---|---|
| 1C John H. Brinkley, Thomasville, N. C | $100,074 |
| 2 W. E. Graham & Sons, Cleveland, N. C | 106,869 |
| 9 Dickerson, Inc., Monroe, N. C | 135,442 |

| Bids: 2-22-55 Items | Unit | Quantity | Unit Prices 1C | 2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Excavation, dry | cy | 200 | $5.00 | $3.50 |
| wet | cy | 55 | 30.00 | 19.00 |
| uncl struct | cy | 1,360 | 2.00 | 2.80 |
| uncl channel | cy | 160 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Maint & remove str, sta 163+02 | ls | ..... | 500.00 | 2,500 |
| 286+46 | ls | ..... | 50.00 | 300.00 |
| Cl A concrete | cy | 1,189 | 47.00 | 49.00 |
| Reinforcing steel | lb | 214,750 | 0.095 | 0.10 |
| Str st., approx 175, 000# | ls | ..... | 16,000 | 16,200 |
| Steel H piles, 12" @ 53# | lf | 240 | 5.00 | 6.50 |
| 16' timber & span bridge, 12' rdwy, f&p | ls | 1 | 350.00 | 700.00 |

Sellers House Moving Co., Inc., took the building moving to clear the site for this highway.

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|---|---|
| 1C Sellers House Moving Co., Greenville, S. C. | $25,140 |
| 2 G. E. Crouch, Asheville, N. C | 25,740 |
| 5 Bare Bros. & Miller, W. Jefferson, N. C | 41,800 |

## California Highway Building

California's Dept. of Public Works let a reinforced concrete office building for Division of Highways District X headquarters at Stockton in three contracts totaling $761,422. Including the general, electrical and mechanical contracts, the cost per sq ft will be $11.74. About 7% of this total is site work—clearing existing concrete foundation slabs, paving, grading, fencing, drainage, area lighting and utilities. Cost per sq ft are:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Building | $7.95 | Heating, air conditioning, refrigeration | $2.05B1 |
| Electrical | 1.19 | | |
| Mechanical | 2.60A | Plumbing | 0.56B2 |

Award on basis of alternate A, combines work of B1 & B2

Design is under State Architect Anson Boyd, Division of Architecture.

The $515,515 contract for general work went to M&K Corp., San Francisco, low of 9 bidders. The building is 2-story with basement and penthouse. Its 64,857-sq ft floor area will provide space for offices, printing and photostating, maintenance and repair, supply and storage, and a basement assembly room. Construction features a reinforced concrete structural frame with steel sash, wood and metal doors, wall finish of plaster and exposed masonry and concrete, movable metal partitions, composition roofing, aluminum work, cast stone, paving and drainage, elevator, acoustic and ceramic tile, floor covering, and a 28-car shelter.

Bids: 2-1-55 Work started 3-14-55, completion 3-12-56

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|---|---|
| 1C M & K Corp., San Francisco, Calif | $515,515 |
| 2 Rothschild, Raffin & Weirick, San Francisco | 328,925 |
| 9 Floyd G. Borchardt, Stockton, Calif | 602,100 |

Electrical work had 9 bidders:

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|---|---|
| 1C Collins Electrical Co., Inc., Stockton, Calif | $77,333 |
| 2 Wismer & Becker Electric, Inc., Sacramento | 79,115 |
| 9 Ets-Hokin & Galvan, Stockton, Calif | 104,576 |

The mechanical award was for plumbing, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration, below the alternate permitting separate plumbing bids.

Mechanical work combined:

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|---|---|
| 1C Scott Co., Oakland, Calif | $168,574 |
| 2 Baker-Newman Co., Modesto, Calif | 170,997 |
| 5 Haverty Co., Fresno, Calif | 189,000 |

Heating, air conditioning, refrigeration:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 Scott Co., Oakland, Calif | $132,727 |
| 2 Lawson Sheet Metal, No. Sacramento, Calif | 133,030 |
| 9 Haverty Co., Fresno, Calif | 150,500 |

Plumbing work:

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|---|---|
| 1 Scott Co., Oakland, Calif | $36,509 |
| 2 Baker-Newman Co., Modesto, Calif | 36,982 |
| 5 Arrow Plumbing Co., Stockton, Calif | 42,917 |


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# THE LONGER LOOK:

## McGraw-Hill survey indicates business capital spending will be up 5% this year. And future plans also are high

Capital spending by U.S. business in 1955 will set a new record, according to the eighth annual survey of business plans for new plants and equipment just completed by the McGraw-Hill Department of Economics. And, on the basis of preliminary plans reported for 1956-58, there is a very good chance that this record will be topped in each of the next three years.

The survey results reflect optimism about general business this year and for several years to come. A survey of preliminary plans last fall indicated a drop of 7% in spending by manufacturing industries this year. All but three of the 16 manufacturing industries have increased their plans since then.

Business, as a whole, plans to spend on new plants and equipment this year $29.4 billion, up 5% from 1954. Commercial companies—in trade, finance, construction and service industries—plan the largest increase, 15%. Manufacturing companies plan to spend $9.2 billion, an increase of 3%, and electric and gas utilities, $4.4 billion, up 5% from 1954. Capital spending in mining and railroads is scheduled for a small drop, while plans in other transportation and communications and in petroleum are about even with 1954.

As a result of sustained high demand for building materials, manufacturers of cement and of clay products plan increases of 58% and 25%, respectively, in capital spending this year, but construction and mining machinery companies report plans to cut spending 5%.

• **Future plans**—Plans reported for 1956-58 are now slightly lower than those for 1955—but the drop is less than half the smallest ever reported in past surveys of preliminary plans for years ahead. Indeed, companies in the chemicals and the food and beverage industries already report plans to spend more in 1957 and 1958 than in either 1955 or 1956. Plans for 1956 are just 3% lower than for 1955 for all business and 7% lower for manufacturing companies.

The significance of these figures lies in the fact that past experience has always shown preliminary plans for future years sharply lower than plans for current years. Many companies do not plan fully beyond the current year and many raise their investment plans as the years pass. On the basis of this experience, the high figures reported in preliminary plans this year point to record expenditures in 1956-58.

• **Construction vs. equipment**—This year's McGraw-Hill survey provides the first figures, based on a large sample of companies, on the distribution of manufacturers' planned capital expenditures between construction and equipment. The percentage going to construction in the various manufacturing industries is shown in the table, along with the actual volume of capital spending in 1954 and the volume planned for 1955.

Most individual industries do not vary much, in the percentage going to construction, from the average of 28% reported for all manufacturing, although the figure is only 12% for textiles. There is also not much change between 1954 and 1955 in the average proportion spent for buildings, but fairly large increases were reported in the iron and steel, machinery, auto, other transportation equipment and chemical industries.

The distinction between buildings and equipment is difficult to make, particularly in continuous process industries such as chemicals and petroleum refining. The figures in these industries, accordingly must be interpreted cautiously. But, with this caution in mind, the results can be extremely useful to those interested in the breakdown between construction and equipment sales.

Replies to other questions asked in the McGraw-Hill survey indicate that manufacturers plan to devote more of their capital spending to expansion this year (47%) than last year (43%). This is a shift away from a trend toward modernization and replacement. The largest shift toward expansion is in textiles, where 23% of spending this year is planned for expansion, against only 5% last year.

(*B&F continued on page 112*)

## Capital Spending Will Rise in 1955

| Industry | Capital Spending (Millions) 1954 Actual | 1955 Planned | 1954-55 % Change | % for Construction 1954 Actual | 1955 Planned |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Primary Metals** | **$811** | **$1,042** | **+28** | **17** | **21** |
| Iron and Steel | 628 | 810 | +29 | 17 | 21 |
| Nonferrous | 183 | 232 | +27 | 17 | 19 |
| **Metalworking** | **3,249** | **3,145** | **− 3** | **25** | **27** |
| Machinery | 694 | 792 | +14 | 20 | 28 |
| Electrical Machinery | 439 | 483 | +10 | 30 | 27 |
| Autos | 1,295 | 984 | −24 | 25 | 29 |
| Transportation Equipment (including aircraft) | 191 | 199 | + 4 | 24 | 32 |
| Other Metalworking | 630 | 687 | + 9 | 26 | 22 |
| **Chemical Processing** | **2,827** | **3,017** | **+ 7** | **33** | **31** |
| Chemicals* | 1,130 | 1,243 | +10 | 22 | 27 |
| Paper | 455 | 501 | +10 | 25 | 19 |
| Rubber | 131 | 122 | − 7 | 14 | 14 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass | 361 | 461 | +28 | 29 | 26 |
| Petroleum Refining* | 750 | 690 | − 8 | 58 | 55 |
| **Food & Beverages** | **765** | **712** | **− 7** | **33** | **37** |
| Food | 534 | 585 | +10 | 38 | 39 |
| Beverages | 231 | 127 | −45 | 22 | 25 |
| **Textiles** | **331** | **349** | **+ 5** | **12** | **12** |
| **Miscellaneous Manufacturing** | **932** | **961** | **+ 3** | **23** | **31** |
| **All Manufacturing** | **8,915** | **9,226** | **+ 3** | **27** | **28** |

* Figures for chemical and petroleum refining industries should be interpreted with caution because of difficulty in distinguishing between construction and equipment.

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Securities & Exchange Commission, McGraw-Hill Department of Economics

# MC&S Becomes "Wolfson, Inc."

**Most Wolfson interests are now integrated within Merritt-Chapman & Scott. It's a many-sided operation**

Louis Wolfson's plan to assemble most of his business interests within Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp. through exchanges of stock (ENR Dec. 9, 1954, p. 109) has proved successful. The Florida financier announced last week that holders of nearly all of the stock of Devoe & Raynolds Co., Inc., New York Shipbuilding Corp., and Tennessee Products & Chemical Corp. have accepted the exchange offer, which expired April 15.

Holders of more than 96% of Devoe Class B common stock have accepted MC&S stock in exchange, along with holders of 83% of the Class A shares. Holders of about 88% of the stock of New York Shipbuilding have accepted the offer, and holders of more than 94% of Tennessee Products.

A similar stock offer to minority stockholders in three MC&S subsidiaries leaves the construction firm with over 97% of the stock of Newport Steel Corp., Marion Power Shovel Co., and Osgood Co.

• **New MC&S setup**—Wolfson also explained how these different enterprises will fit into MC&S, which only a few years ago was predominantly a marine construction and salvage outfit.

Devoe & Raynolds and Tennessee Products will operate as parts of the Chemical, Paint & Metallurgical Division. Devoe, with eight plants, is a leading maker of paints, coatings, and finishes, and is developing industrial resins. Tennessee Products operates 13 plants for the production of heavy aromatic and agricultural chemicals, metallurgical products, fuels, and building materials.

New York Ship will operate as the MC&S Shipbuilding Division. Its yard at Camden, N. J., is one of the largest in the U. S.

• **Manufacturing**—Nesco, a division of New York Ship, will operate as part of the Manufacturing Division. Nesco makes electrical appliances, kitchenware, and industrial steel containers in five plants. Also in the Manufacturing division are Utah Products Co., Inc., of Huntington, Ind., and Shoup Voting Machine Corp., of New York. Utah makes radio and TV cabinets, speakers and transformers, and electrical and electronic equipment.

Highway Trailer Co., of Edgerton, Wis., another subsidiary of New York Ship, will operate as part of the Equipment Division. In addition to truck trailers and semi-trailers, it also makes equipment used in construction and maintenance of utility lines. This division also will include Marion Power Shovel and Osgood Co., both of which make construction equipment.

The MC&S Steel Division will include Newport Steel, of Newport, Ky., which makes cold-rolled and hot-rolled products; and Milton Steel, of Milton, Pa., fabricator of reinforcing bars, merchant bars, and bar size angles.

• **Construction**—The Construction Division now includes the industrial & building construction department, the marine & heavy construction department, a Great Lakes construction & dredging department, the marine salvage department, the inland salvage & derrick department, and recently acquired subsidiaries—C. A. Pitts General Contractor, Ltd., (the Canadian Construction Division), and Fitz Simons & Connell Dredge & Dock Co., of Chicago.

## Foster Wheeler Offers A-plant for $120 per kw

Atomic power at a cost competitive with conventional generating plants may be even closer than optimists have predicted so far. Last week Foster Wheeler Corp., a maker of combustion equipment that has been active in the atomic field, announced it is ready right now to design and build for completion by 1960 or 1961 an advanced type of nuclear power plant that will compete with some present-day power station costs.

The plant offered by Foster Wheeler will use the aqueous homogeneous power breeder system, previously considered by the Atomic Energy Commission as potentially ready for testing in not less than five years from now. Robert Gould, head of FW's Nuclear Power Project, estimated a 100,000 kw plant could be built now at $21 million, or about $210 a kw.

• **Per kw cost**—That's very much in the lower range for estimated costs of atomic power, which have been running from $200 to $450 per kw. And it begins to compare quite favorably with $130-$140-per-kilowatt costs of conventional power plants (ENR April 21, p. 21).

Gould went on to say that the FW type of nuclear plant could produce power for as low as six to nine mills per kwh. By comparison, Consolidated Edison Co. of New York expects its projected Peekskill plant (ENR Mar. 17, p. 89) to produce at a cost of nine mills per kwh. AEC estimates are that seven-mill electricity would be competitive with 16% of present generating capacity. Of course, actual costs will continue to depend on such factors as system load characteristics, plant location, and financing cost.

## Spring Homebuilding Season Opens With Near-Record

The spring homebuilding season got under way with a rush last month. According to estimates by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of home units started was 117,000, compared with 90,000 in February.

This was 22% ahead of March last year and only slightly below the all-time March record in 1950. Private starts actually were slightly ahead of the March 1950 record, but the fact that public starts were down held the total below the March 1950 high.

Starts last month beat every month since way back in June 1951. In the first quarter, 295,000 units have been started. This is a new record for the first quarter, nearly 6% above the previous record in 1950 and 25% above last year. In terms of annual rate, March starts held close to 1.4 million for the third month in a row.

## Truckers Find Thruway Saves Time and Money, Says Tallamy

The New York Thruway Authority reports that several big truckers have found it is cheaper to use the New York-Buffalo Thruway instead of parallel free roads. Revenue from commercial operators is steadily rising, according to chairman Bertram Tallamy. It was almost $261,000 in March.

Thruway officials said that General Electric Co. has been making tests with identical equipment between its Schenectady plants and Williamsville, near Buffalo. Deliveries over the Thruway showed a savings of 38 mi and of 14.2 gallons of gas. Drivers had to shift gears 298 times less than on the free highway, saved 142 brake applications, and 69 full stops. On the round trip, trucks on the Thruway saved 4 hours and 29 minutes, and averaged more than 10.6 mph faster than on free roads.

(*B&F continued on page 114*)

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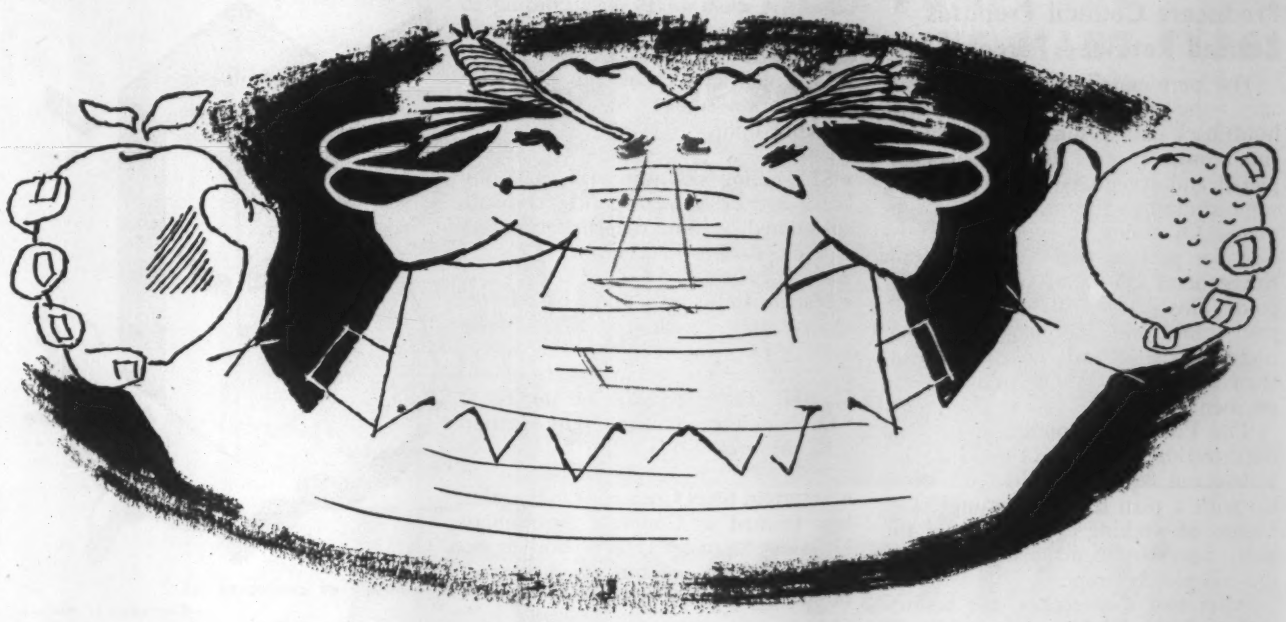

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## Producers Council Proposes Revised Retained Percentage

The problem of "retained percentages"—the practice by which the client holds back part of the price of a lump-sum contract until the job is completed and accepted—has been getting some study by subcontractors and suppliers. Of course, they in turn must wait for part of their payment from the general contractor until he gets paid. This is particularly hard on subcontractors and suppliers who complete their work early on the job, and then must wait a long time for full payment.

The Producers Council, a national organization of makers of building materials and equipment, has just come up with a plan to reduce unnecessary tie-ups of working capital beyond the point necessary to make sure contracts are completely proper.

After two conferences, the council and the National Association of Credit Men suggest that a 10% retention is reasonable during the early stages of the work. But after the job is 75% complete, they suggest that the percentage be reduced to 5% on those parts of the job which are themselves 75% complete.

The procedure would apply primarily to lump-sum work on private contracts. But it could be applied to public work, to the extent that public officials permit. It would apply to bonded jobs as well as unbonded contracts.

## New Cement Plant for Pike

Dragon Cement Corp. (a U. S. Steel subsidiary) has begun test borings for a new $10-million cement plant at the West Stockbridge-Richmond, Mass. town line near the Massachusetts Turnpike. Chairman W. F. Callahan of the toll road authority states that the availablity of high-grade limestone in this section has long been known, but its previous accessibility from other areas has made such a large-scale project appear too costly. The new turnpike is scheduled for completion in November 1956.

## Business Briefs . . .

• **$47-million power plant** will be built by Public Service Co. of Indiana on the Ohio River near New Albany. Construction is scheduled to start in June.

• **American Telephone & Telegraph** Co. expects to spend a little more for construction this year than the $1.4 billion it spent in 1954, according to President Cleo Craig. From the end of World War II through 1955, AT&T will have spent $11 billion for construction—about $500,000 every working hour.

• **$1.2-billion highway plan** for Louisiana over a 15-year period is being considered by state officials, according to Gov. Robert F. Kennon.

• **Napco Industries, Inc.**, of Minneapolis, has purchased the Transo Loader Division of Westinghouse Air Brake Co. Transo makes front-end loaders. The plant will be moved to Minneapolis from its present location in Coldwater, Mich.

• **Standard Steel Corp.**, of Los Angeles, has formed a Concrete Equipment Division to make cement and aggregate batching equipment for road-building.

• **$34-million power plant** will be built near Coshocton, Ohio, by the Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric Co., of Columbus. Work will start in October for completion by late 1957.

• **Merger on**—Whiteman Mfg. Co., of Los Angeles, has bought the stock of Concrete Equipment Mfg. Co., also of Los Angeles, which makes transit concrete mixers. Whiteman is building two plants to expand its own facilities for making concrete finishing and screening equipment.

• **Merger off**—Ideal Cement Co., of Denver, and Superior Portland Cement, Inc., of Seattle, have given up plans for a merger. **The two firms** were unable to get clearance from the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department.

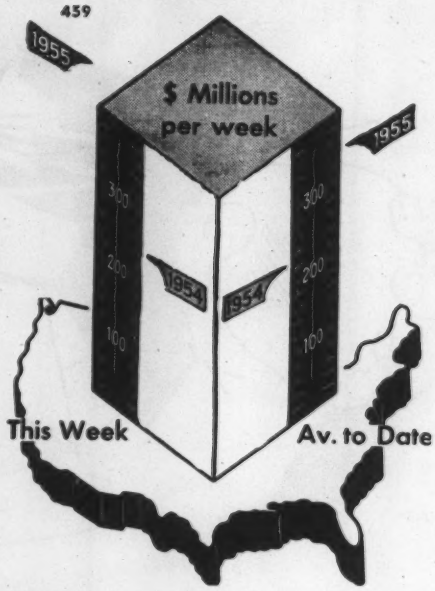
• **Firestone expansion**—Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. has begun a $1.2-million expansion program at two synthetic rubber plants it has just bought from the federal government. The two plants are located at Lake Charles, La., and Akron.

• **Crown Zellerbach goes into plywood**—Crown Zellerbach Corp., of San Francisco, paper manufacturer, plans to get into the plywood field with construction of a $750,000 veneer mill near Portland, Oregon.

• **Consolidated Engineering Co.**, of Pasadena, Calif., will start construction next month on a $1.5-million research, engineering, and sales building in Pasadena.

## Activity This Week

As reported to ENR
(In millions of dollars)




**Amount of contracts let**

| | This Week | Cumulative 17 wks 1955 | 1954 | % chge |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Federal | $25.5 | $551.1 | $308.6 | +79 |
| State and municipal | 124.5 | 1,612.8 | 1,388.1 | +16 |
| Total public | 150.0 | 2,163.9 | 1,696.7 | +28 |
| Total private | 308.5 | 3,652.1 | 2,209.3 | +65 |
| U. S. Total | $458.5 | $5,816.0 | $3,906.0 | +49 |
| **Contracts by type of work** | | | | |
| Waterworks | $2.4 | $84.6 | $64.9 | +30 |
| Sewerage | 9.3 | 130.2 | 107.2 | +21 |
| Bridges | 3.9 | 152.8 | 129.5 | +18 |
| Highways | 42.6 | 617.6 | 482.0 | +28 |
| Earthwork, waterways | 2.4 | 141.7 | 90.0 | +57 |
| Buildings: | | | | |
| Public, excl. hsg. | 50.0 | 548.7 | 521.8 | +5 |
| Housg., public | 21.6 | 84.7 | 61.8 | +37 |
| Housg., private | 186.0 | 2,145.3 | 1,228.1 | +75 |
| Commercial | 26.3 | 516.7 | 382.5 | +35 |
| Industrial | 93.9 | 778.4 | 520.2 | +50 |
| Unclassified | 20.1 | 615.3 | 318.0 | +93 |
| Total | $458.5 | $5,816.0 | $3,906.0 | +49 |

NOTE: Minimum size projects included are: Waterworks and waterways, $44,000; other public works, $73,000; industrial buildings, $93,000; other buildings, $344,000.

**New capital for construction**

| (millions of dollars) | Week of Apr. 21 1955 | Cumulative 16 wks 1955 | % chge '54-'55 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Corporate securities | $59.4 | $925.4 | −8 |
| State and municipal: | | | |
| All except housing | 63.8 | 1,222.2 | −20 |
| Housing | ... | 46.1 | +8 |
| Federal loans | 1.2 | 26.1 | −38 |
| Federal aid | ... | ... | ... |
| Total non-federal | $124.4 | $2,219.8 | −14 |
| Federal appropriations: | | | |
| In U. S. | ... | ... | ... |
| Outside U. S. | ... | ... | ... |
| Total new capital | $124.4 | $2,219.8 | −14 |

**ENR cost and volume indexes, 1955**

| | | Base years = 100 1913 | 1926 | 1949 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Construction cost | 4/21 | 649.51 | 312.22 | 136.16 |
| | 3/31† | 647.49 | 311.25 | 135.74 |
| Building cost | 4/21 | 461.78 | 249.62 | 131.27 |
| | 3/31† | 460.62 | 249.00 | 130.94 |
| Volume | Mar. | 691 | 281 | 200 |
| | Feb. | 459 | 187 | 133 |

† Official monthly index for April

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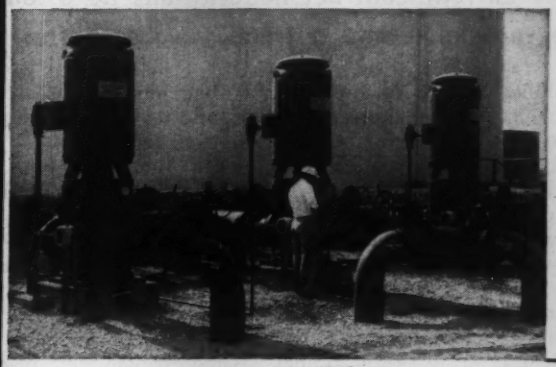

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# Wage Increases Now a Habit?

**Behind current contract negotiations lie a long record of wage rate hikes and a trend toward shorter work weeks**

The building trades are moving their 1955 collective bargaining negotiations into high gear across the nation with an impressive record of success behind them. For the last 48 years they've won wage increases every year but two and have pushed the progressive wage increase along at the annual rate of 4.4%.

That's the report of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on its 48th annual survey of union scales in the building trades.

Other highlights of the report include these:

- Last year's increase averaged 10 cents, or 3.7%—the smallest annual increase since the war.
- Nearly 87% of the journeymen and 91% of the helpers and laborers were on a standard work week of 40 hours but some were down to a 30-hour week.
- The trend of a narrowing wage differential between skilled and unskilled workers continued in the construction industry.

• **Rates**—Typical wage increases during the last fiscal year ranged from 5 to 15 cents an hour but at least 11% of the union craftsmen won increases of 20 cents or more.

Biggest gains were made by steam and sprinkler fitters and plumbers with an average increase of 16 cents. Asbestos workers, boilermakers and sheet metal workers ran close behind with pay boosts of 14 and 13 cents. Advances for most of the other trades averaged out at 8 to 12 cents. Stonemasons and plasterers were among the lowest with average increases of 7 to 6 cents.

Net result was that most of the journeymen ended up with rates ranging from $2.70 to $3.20. For helpers and laborers the range was between $1.80 and $2.30. Highest paid were bricklayers with an average of $3.39, followed by plasterers and stonemasons with $3.27 and $3.25.

Behind the averages, of course, lay wide variations within individual crafts as between cities and regions because of the local nature of the industry. Contributing to this were variations in the extent and strength of unionization. Newark, N. J., paid the highest with a journeyman average of $3.47. Charlotte, N. C., paid the lowest with an average of $2.39.

On a regional basis, unions fared best in the Middle Atlantic states with a journeyman average of $3.05 for the building trades. Poorest showing was in the Southeast where the average was $2.64.

• **Work week**—In most cases no negotiated changes were made in the basic work week. Average for the year for all in the building trades was 39.4 hours.

Contracts calling for a 35-hour work week were in effect for one out of every eight journeymen and were most common among bricklayers, lathers and painters. About 18% of the plasters had a negotiated 30-hour week.

So far, the shorter work week has aroused little national interest. When AFL president Meany raised the issue before the Senate Labor Committee last week, he got little response.

But he noted that in the last year or two labor has shown greater interest in the possibility of more leisure time (ENR April 21, p. 165). "The prospects for a continuing substantial increase in productivity throughout the economy," he said, "underline the need for prompt action to achieve a shorter work week."

## NLRB Makes It Easier To Get Dispute Heard

The National Labor Relations Board has liberalized the jurisdictional yardstick it uses for disputes in the construction industry.

"In the future," it says, "the board will assert jurisdiction over a general construction contractor on the basis of the total volume of his business or of the general construction which he undertakes to discharge."

Here's how it worked in a carpenters' dispute on a construction job in Oklahoma.

Dennehy Construction Co., Oklahoma City, had a $1.2-million contract for a hospital. It sublet the electrical, plumbing, heating, plastering, flooring, roofing, sheet metal, tiling, and acoustical work. Because so much of the materials and equipment used at the project was purchased by the subs, Dennehy couldn't meet the NLRB jurisdictional test of acquiring over $500,000 worth of goods a year in interstate commerce.

The board found two ways of getting around this. It added the subs' purchases to those of Dennehy and it looked at the amount of construction for which the general contractor was responsible.

After taking jurisdiction, the board knocked down a preferential hiring agreement which the contractor had made with the union. The agreement required hiring of union carpenters and compliance with the local's by-laws. Two carpenters who showed up couldn't get jobs because they weren't members of the local. The union was held responsible.

## Two Building Trades Win Wage Hikes in Delaware

Two of the AFL building trades in Delaware have come out of their collective bargaining sessions with heavy boosts in wages. Wilmington sheet metal workers won an increase of 35 cents, spread over a two-year period. Carpenters obtained a 17½-cent hike.

The new rate for sheet metal workers was negotiated by Local 59 of the Sheet Metal Workers International Association and the Employers Association of Roofers and Sheet Metal Workers, Inc. Under the two-year contract, wages will be increased 15 cents on May 1, raising the present rate of $3.02½ to $3.17½. Six months later, 10 cents more will be added. The final 10-cent boost will become effective May 1 of next year, making the rate $3.37½.

Local 626 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners signed a one-year contract with the Allied Construction Industries of Delaware. Effective May 1, it adds 17½ cents an hour to the present rate of $2.92½.

## Contractor and Union Seek Boycott Damages

A labor dispute at the Boonville, Ind., sewage disposal plant, now under construction, has resulted in a civil suit against members of District 50 of the United Mine Workers of America. Object of the action is to obtain damages in the amount of $800,000.

The suit stems from the perennial warfare between the AFL and the United Construction Workers. Damages sought are those which resulted from a secondary boycott by District

50 against the construction company and employes at the plant in an attempt to force the company to employ members of District 50.

Filed in the Federal District Court at Evansville, the suit was brought by Goodwin Construction Co., of Jeffersonville and St. Augustine, Fla., and Local Union No. 561, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

## Iowa Building Trades Ask for Higher Wages

Contract demands of the building trades in Des Moines, Iowa, have boiled down to one thing—a wage increase of 25 cents an hour. A few of the trades are also asking for 7½ cents in welfare contributions.

This is how the individual demands shape up so far:

• Ironworkers and carpenters—25 cents plus 7½ cents in welfare benefits. They're now getting $2.87½ and $2.80 cents, respectively.

• Laborers, teamsters and operating engineers—25 cents. Their present rates are $2.05, $2.15 and $2.90.

Neither the plumbers nor sheet-metal workers have made their demands public but they are believed to be seeking about 15 cents an hour. Present rates are $3.10 and $2.81½. Both get welfare payments of 7½ cents.

The following trades, now getting the rates indicated, have not yet voiced their demands: bricklayers—$3.55; cement finishers—$2.80; lathers—$2.87½.

General feeling is that most of the building trades settlements will run around 10 or 15 cents.

## Picketing Open to Attack If Not Aimed at Employes

There's nothing sacred about picketing at a construction project if the picketing is aimed at the contractor.

Unless its primary purpose is to persuade the workers on the job to take a certain course of action, picketing loses its legal protection. In that case, the contractor can go into a state court and have it stopped. At least that's the story in Pennsylvania, under a new State Supreme Court ruling.

The ticklish question came up during construction of a million-dollar apartment house in Bryn Mawr, Pa. Contractors on the job had hired about 80 nonunion men.

Four pickets were placed by the Building and Construction Trades Council at the entrances to the project and two supervisors were put in charge of the pickets. Picket signs declared that union standards were not being observed. Neither the contractors nor their employes were approached.

The supervisors stopped delivery trucks and talked to the drivers, who went away without unloading. As materials and equipment were shut off, work on the project came to a standstill.

An injunction was granted under state law against the picketing and the court upheld the injunction. Its reasoning was this:

• Communication of the facts of a labor dispute through use of pickets falls within the "free speech" protection of the federal Constitution but only if the picketing is legal.

• Picketing is legal if its primary object is to persuade employes to do what the union is seeking to obtain. It's illegal if it's an effort to persuade the employer to do it.

Here the picketing was not directed at the employes. Its object was to force the contractors to bring pressure on their employes to join unions.

## Labor Briefs . . .

• **Boost for carpenters**—Carpenters in 22 towns and cities in central Connecticut have accepted a two-year contract granting a wage increase of 12½ cents an hour for each year. When the second increase becomes effective next April 1, the rate will amount to $2.97½.

• **Laborers settle**—Local 1358 of the laborers union in Corning, N. Y., has called off its construction strikes. The new agreement with the Corning Contractors and Building Assn. establishes a rate of $1.90.

• **Can you prove it?**—The U. S. Supreme Court refused to review the NLRB ruling that an employer can be forced to substantiate his professed inability to meet wage demands. As the law now stands, the wage data the union is entitled to includes the names of workers and the pay they get.

• **Apprenticeship** — Labor Secretary Mitchell is setting up a series of regional conferences on apprentice training "to tackle some of the problems posed by the shortage of skilled workers in the nation." Sponsored by labor and management with the assistance of state and federal apprenticeship agencies, the series will get under way with the Eastern Seaboard Conference on May 31.

• **Canadian painters**—Edmonton, Alberta, has repealed the ordinance which required the licensing of master painters and prevented journeymen painters from doing contract work. Similar action was taken previously for carpenters and bricklayers because the protection afforded wasn't worth the hardship created.


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Bids: May 17, 1955

## The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

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SEALED TENDERS, in quadruplicate, addressed to the undersigned and clearly marked "Tender for St. Lawrence Power Project - Railway Relocation, Canadian National Railway", will be received up to 4:30 o'clock p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on

TUESDAY MAY 17, 1955

for the construction of subgrade and structures on any or all of three parts of 39.45 miles of Canadian National Railways Main Line double track relocation between Cornwall and Cardinal, Ontario.

The work consists of clearing, close cutting, grubbing, excavation, embankments, construction of culverts, bridge foundations, retaining walls, fences and other pertinent work and is to be completed on or before November 30, 1955.

Copies of the Tendering Documents may be obtained on and after April 19, 1955, at the office of the Director of Supply, Ontario Hydro, 620 University Avenue, Toronto 2, Ontario, on payment of $25.00 for each set. This charge will not be refunded.

Tendering documents may be inspected at the above location and at the offices of the following: The Commission's Field Office, Mille Roches, Ontario; Power Authority of the State of New York, 270 Broadway, New York 7, New York; and Uhl, Hall and Rich, 230 Congress Street, Boston 10, Massachusetts.

Tenders must be accompanied by a certified cheque drawn on a Canadian chartered bank for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars ($125,000) for each part tendered on. Provisions for the return of the cheques appear in the Tendering Documents.

Each successful tenderer will be required to furnish a performance bond, in the form approved by the Commission, and issued by a bonding company licensed as such in the Province of Ontario and acceptable to the Commission, for one hundred per cent (100%) of the total amount of its contract.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

E. B. EASSON, Secretary,
The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
620 University Avenue,
TORONTO 2, Ontario.

### U. S. Government

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Reclamation. Sealed bids (Specifications No. DC-4404) will be received at Ogden, Utah until May 26, 1955, for furnishing labor and materials for Willard Dam Test Embankment, Weber Basin Project, Utah. Location near Ogden, Utah in Box Elder County. Principal items are 100,000 cu. yds. excavation in borrow area, transportation and placement in test embankment, first 100,000 cu. yds; 100,000 cu. yds. excavation in borrow area, transportation and placement in test embankment, over 100,000 cu. yds; and other work. Completion time 90 days. For particulars, address Bureau of Reclamation, Ogden, Utah; or Building 53, Denver Federal Center, Denver 2, Colorado. W. A. Dexheimer, Commissioner.

Bids: May 26, 1955

## Power Authority of the State of New York

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS
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IROQUOIS DAM
NEAR POINT ROCKWAY,
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK
SPECIFICATION NO. PA-5-11011
ST. LAWRENCE CONTRACT NO. 11

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: The POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK will receive sealed proposals for the construction of Iroquois Dam and appurtenant works near Point Rockway, St. Lawrence County, New York in the following ways:

(1) If brought in person on the day of receiving bids until 11:00 A. M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on the 26th day of May, 1955, in the Chamber of Commerce Building of the State of New York, 65 Liberty Street, in the "Great Hall" located on the 2nd floor, New York, New York.

(2) If mailed in until 10:30 A. M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on the 26th day of May, 1955, at the Authority's office, 270 Broadway, Room 1300, New York 7, New York.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at the time and at the address given in (1) above.

The principal items of work are:

Estimated:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 214,000 | cu. yds. | Excavation for Cofferdams |
| 14,300 | MFBM | Timber Cribs for Cofferdams |
| 279,000 | cu. yds. | Crib Fill for Cofferdams |
| 2,900 | tons | Steel Sheet Piling for Cofferdams |
| 2,726,000 | cu. yds. | Excavation, Common, Dry |
| 39,000 | cu. yds. | Excavation, Rock, Dry |
| 1,240,000 | cu. yds. | Excavation, Common, Wet |
| 18,500 | lin. ft. | Drill Holes for Exploration and Grouting |
| 91,300 | cu. yds. | Embankments and Protection Stone |
| 161,620 | cu. yds. | Concrete |
| 8,526,000 | lbs. | Structural Steel and Miscellaneous Metalwork |
| 13,260,000 | lbs. | Erection of Gates and Guides |
| 1,300,000 | lbs. | Erection of Gantry Cranes |

The work shall be completed on or before February 28, 1958.

Plans, specifications and Proposal Forms for the work will be on file in the Authority's office and in the offices of the Engineer, Uhl, Hall & Rich, 230 Congress Street, Boston 10, Massachusetts, and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, 620 University Avenue, Toronto 2, Ontario, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during office hours.

Plans, specifications and Proposal Forms may be obtained from the Power Authority of the State of New York, 270 Broadway, Room 1300, New York 7, New York, upon application and prepayment of a fee of Fifty ($50.00) dollars per initial set and Twenty-five ($25.00) dollars per set for additional sets, no part of which will be refunded.

Bids must be made in duplicate in accordance with instructions contained in the Information for Bidders. Guarantee will be required with each bid in an amount not less than 10 percent of the gross sum bid except that guarantee in excess of $2,000,000 will not be required.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

W. S. CHAPIN
GENERAL MANAGER

Bids: May 12, 1955

## Construction of Sanitary Sewers

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS
ALLENDALE SECTION
St. Petersburg, Florida

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of St. Petersburg, Florida at the office of the Purchasing Agent in the Municipal Building, St. Petersburg, Florida, until 10:00 A.M. (EST) Thursday, May 12, 1955 for the CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS, ALLENDALE SECTION, Parts A, B, and C, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Prospective bidders shall furnish the City detailed information pertaining to their qualifications, on forms available from the office of the City Manager. Only contractors who, in the opinion of the City, are able and competent of performing the work, may be awarded contracts. The forms must be completed and returned to the office of the City Manager, not later than May 8, 1955.

Plans, specifications, and contract documents are open to public inspection at the office of the City Engineer, Room 211, Municipal Building, or may be obtained from that office upon deposit of Thirty-five Dollars ($35.00). All depositors will be refunded Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00) upon return of all documents in good condition, within thirty (30) days after the date of opening of the bids.

All proposals shall be on standard forms furnished by the City Engineer and shall be sealed and marked: "Proposal for Construction of Sanitary Sewers, Allendale Section". Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of not less than five per cent (5%) of the bid. No proposal may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of proposals for a period of thirty (30) days.

The City of St. Petersburg reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities.

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.
By: Ross E. Windom, City Manager

Bids: June 7, 1955

## Middlesex County Sewerage Authority New Brunswick, N. J.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids for constructing the westerly section of the Main Trunk Sewer, under Contract number 9, will be received at the office of the Middlesex County Sewerage Authority, 103 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, N. J., until 2:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on June 7th, 1955, and then will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Project includes 482 lineal feet of 24 inch, 17,025 lineal feet of 60 inch, 18,102 lineal feet of 66 inch sewers, as principal sewers, and 728 lineal feet of connections to the participants, including all appurtenances.

Drawings, and contract documents may be examined at offices of the Authority and of Charles J. Kupper, Engineer, 15 Stelton Road, New Market, N. J. Copies may be obtained only from the Authority on payment of $25.00, and which amount will not be refunded.

Bid Security: certified check to the order of The Middlesex County Sewerage Authority or bid bond for $160,000. Successful bidder must furnish 100% performance bond.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
By: CHESTER A. LYDECKER,
Chairman

## OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: May 5, 1955

### New York State Road Work

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ALBANY, N. Y.,—Pursuant to the provisions of the Highway Law, Public Buildings Law, and Article 2, Title 9 of the Public Authorities Law, and special provisions for projects financed with Federal Aid Funds, sealed proposals will be received until ten-thirty o'clock A.M., advanced standard time, which is nine-thirty o'clock A.M., eastern standard time, on the 5th day of May 1955, by Henry A. Cohen, Director, Bureau of Contracts and Accounts, 14th Floor, The Governor Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, Albany, N. Y., for the following projects:

| County | Contract No. | Name | Miles | Type | Deposit | Estimated Cost of Work |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DISTRICT No. 1, N. F. Ronan, Acting District Engineer, 353 Broadway, Albany, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Greene | C.T. 55-6 | New York State Thruway—Catskill Section—Sub. 6 (Coxsackie Gas Station-Restaurant Site) Type B | .... | Grading, Paving & Misc. Work | $9,000 Plans $10 | 167,000 |
| Saratoga | FARC 55-8 | Wait Corners-Lapes Corners, S.H. 1523 Lapes Corners-Clifton Park, S.H. 8137 Proj. S-202(2) | 2.71 | Asp. Conc., Opt. | $15,000 Plans $10 | 271,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 2, Lacy Ketchum, District Engineer, 109 No. Genesee St., Utica, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Herkimer | M.T. 55-4 | New York State Thruway—Mohawk Section—Sub. 10A (East Schuyler Gas Station-Restaurant Site) Type B | .... | Grading, Paving & Misc. Work | $9,500 Plans $10 | 170,000 |
| Herkimer | M.T. 55-5 | New York State Thruway—Mohawk Section—Sub. 11A & 12A (Indian Castle Gas Station-Restaurant Site) Types A & C | .... | Grading, Paving & Misc. Work | $30,000 Plans $10 | 545,000 |
| Montgomery | M.T. 55-6 | New York State Thruway—Mohawk Section—Sub. 15 (South Amsterdam Gas Station-Restaurant Site) Type B | .... | Grading, Paving & Misc. Work | $21,000 Plans $10 | 378,000 |
| Montgomery | R.C. 55-18 FARC 55-19 | Fort Plain-Canajoharie—Canajoharie-Fultonville, Pt. 1, S.H. 8348 Canajoharie-Fultonville, Pt. 2, S.H. 8371 Canajoharie Village; Erie Blvd. and Main St. Pt. 2, S.H. 1866A Canajoharie Village: Erie Blvd. and MainSt., S.H. 1866 Proj. F-467(5) | 5.79 | Asp. Conc., Opt. | $23,000 Plans $10 | 399,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 6, J. H. Thomas, District Engineer, State Office Bldg., Hornell, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Chemung | FARC 55-11 | Big Flats-Fitch Bridge, S.H. 8411 Fitch Bridge-Elmira, S.H. 946 Proj. F-596(3) | 6.25 | Asp. Conc., Opt. | $40,000 Plans $15 | 722,000 |
| Schuyler | FARC 55-12 | Horseheads-Montour Falls, S.H. 5208 Montour Falls, S.H. 5160 Proj. F-479(13) | 1.25 | Asp. Conc., Opt.= 1.24 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.01 Mi. | $8,000 Plans $10 | 144,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 7, R. W. Sweet, District Engineer, 444 Van Duzee St., Watertown, N. . | | | | | | |
| Saint Lawrence | FARC 55-14 | Richville-Dekalb, Pt. 2, S.H. 9236 Proj. F-428(6) | 3.09 | Asp. Conc., Opt. | $23,000 Plans $15 | 416,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 8, J. S. Bixby, District Engineer, Pleasant Valley Road, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Putnam & Westchester | FARC 55-22 | Peekskill-Fishkill Pts. 1 & 2, S.H. 5147-5387 Proj. F-394(13) | 4.01 | Asp. Conc., Opt. | $25,000 Plans $10 | 421,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 9, F. W. Donovan, District Engineer, 71 Frederick Street, Binghamton 21F, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Broome & Chenango | FARC 55-16 | Barker S.H. 375; Chenango Forks-North Fenton, S.H. 1241; Port Crane-North Fenton, S.H. 963; North Fenton-Belden Pt. 1, S.H. 9036; North Fenton-Belden, Pt. 2, S.H. 8427 Proj. S-440(1) | 11.96 | Asp. Conc., Opt | $35,000 Plans $15 | 623,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 10, M. E. Goul, District Engineer, Montauk Highway at Lttle East Neck Rd., Babylon L. I., N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Suffolk | FARC 55-24 | Port Jefferson-Riverhead Pt. 1 S.H. 8094 Port Jefferson-Riverhead, Pt. 2B S.H. 8111 Proj. S-430(2) | 6.13 | Asp. Conc. Opt.= 605 Mi Misc. Work = 0.08 Mi. | $38,000 Plans $10 | 658,000 |
| Suffolk | FARC 55-25 | Mattituck-Greenport, Pts. 1 & 3 S.H. 8229 Proj. F-348(6) | 1.91 | Asp. Conc., Opt. | $22,000 Plans $15 | 403,000 |
| Suffolk | FARC 55-26 | Bayshore-Brookhaven Town Line, S.H. 5301, Proj. S-442(1) | 0.28 | Asp. Conc., Opt.= 0.26 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.02 Mi. | $6,000 Plans $10 | 103,000 |
| Suffolk | FARC 55-27 | Bridgehamton-Devon Pt. 2, S.H. 1524 Proj. F-559(9) | 2.26 | Asp. Conc., Opt.= 2.24 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.02 Mi. | $20,000 Plans $10 | 397,000 |

Maps, plans, specifications and proposal forms may be seen and obtained at the office of the State Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contracts and Accounts, Albany, N. Y., and at the office of the District Engineers noted above, and may also be seen at the office of the State Department of Public Works, 270 Broadway, New York City.

The deposit for Plans and Proposal Forms for each contract is indicated above. A refund will be made in full to bidders for return of one set, in good condition, within 30 days of award, or rejection of bids; refund for all other sets in good condition, similar period, will be 50% of deposit.

Special attention of bidders is called to "General Information for Bidders" in the proposal, specification, and contract agreement, and to the special provisions applying to projects financed with federal funds. Award of a contract is subject to priorities and allocations under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and all regulations issued thereunder.

Proposal for each contract must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope with the name and number of the contract plainly endorsed on the outside of the endorsed on the outside of the envelope. Each proposal must be accompanied by draft or certified check payable to the order of the "State of New York, Commissioner of Taxation and Finance" for the sum as specified in the advertisement and the proposal. The retention and disposal of the bidding check, the execution of the contract and bonds shall conform to the provisions of the Highway Laws, as set forth in "Instructions to Bidders."

When optional types are permitted on contracts with federal funds, bidders must state in the space provided in the proposal the exact designation of the optional type upon which the proposal is predicated.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

John W. Johnson
SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Bids: May 20, 1955

### Water Tunnels and Shafts

CITY OF CHICAGO INVITES BIDS FOR THREE (3) SECTIONS OF WATER TUNNELS AND SHAFTS CONNECTING TO CHICAGO AVENUE WATER TUNNEL AND WILSON AVENUE WATER TUNNEL FOR CENTRAL DISTRICT FILTRATION PLANT.

Chicago, April 15, 1955

SEALED PROPOSALS on three (3) sections of Water Tunnels and Shafts will be received by the Department of Purchases, Contracts and Supplies, until 11:00 A.M. Central Daylight Savings Time, Friday, May 20, 1955 at Room 401, City Hall, Chicago, Illinois, at which time and place all such proposals will be opened and read publicly.

Brief descriptions of the three tunnel sections are as follows:

SPECIFICATIONS No. 80.391-55-1 ... SECTION "A".

Furnishing all labor and materials required and necessary for the construction of four (4) shafts in the area 400 to 1800 feet north of Navy Pier and from Lake Shore Drive to a point approximately 2000 feet East thereof; one (1) 20 foot tunnel in rock, 1400 feet in length; three (3) 16-foot tunnels in rock, approximately 11,400 feet in length; and one (1) 16-foot tunnel in clay, approximately 80 feet in length in accordance with specifications and Drawings, together with all other work appurtenant thereto.

SPECIFICATIONS No. 80.391-55-2 ... SECTION "B".

Furnishing all labor and materials required and necessary for the construction of shaft in park area S.E. of Belmont Harbor on approximate line of Wellington Avenue extended—two lengths of 16 foot tunnel in rock, with total length of approximately 14,300 feet, one extending southeasterly to connection with Tunnel Section "A", and the other extending North-westerly to connection with Tunnel Section "C" in accordance with specifications and Drawings together with all other work appurtenant thereto.

SPECIFICATIONS No. 80.391-55-3 ... SECTION "C".

Furnishing all labor and materials required and necessary for the construction of two (2) shafts in Park Area south of Wilson Avenue and East of Clarendon Avenue, two (2) 16-foot tunnels in rock, with total length of approximately 4700 feet; one (1) 12-foot tunnel in rock, 200 feet in length; one (1) 8-foot tunnel in clay, approximately 246 feet in length; and one (1) By-Pass structure in accordance with specifications and Drawings, together with all other work appurtenant thereto.

Bidders may bid on any one section, combination of sections or on all three (3) sections.

A proposal shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in cash, cashier's check, certified check or Comptroller's Certificate of monies owed the particular bidder in amounts as follows:

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| Section "A" | $180,000.00 |
| Section "B" | 145,000.00 |
| Section "C" | 60,000.00 |
| Total for Sections "A", "B" and "C" | $385,000.00 |

Checks are to be drawn on some responsible bank located and doing business in the United States and are to be made payable to the Purchasing Agent, City of Chicago.

A deposit for plans and specifications of $50.00 is required for each section or $150.00 for all three sections. These deposits are returnable upon return of plans and specifications.

All communications and requests for plans and specifications should be addressed to the Purchasing Agent, Department of Purchases, Contracts and Supplies, Room 401, City Hall, Chicago 2, Illinois.

JOHN F. WARD
Purchasing Agent

## OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: May 24, 1955

### *Contract LT-160.043*

ADVERTISEMENT
THE PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY
LINCOLN TUNNEL THIRD TUBE
PAVING AND UTILITIES
FOR
NEW JERSEY ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING

Sealed proposals for the furnishing and installation of paving and utilities for the New Jersey Administration Building will be received at the office of the Chief Engineer of The Port of New York Authority, Room 1100, 111 Eighth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., until 2:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 24, 1955, at which time said proposals will be opened and read in Room 1108.

Contract documents may be seen at the office of the Engineer of Materials of the Authority, Room 1112. Documents will be furnished upon deposit of $30.00 per set for not more than three sets to any one company (each set including one copy of the contract drawings). Additional sets will be furnished upon payment of $30.00 per set, which payment is not returnable. Deposits and payments shall be delivered to the Treasury Department, Room 1001, where a receipt in duplicate will be issued. A copy of the receipt shall be delivered to Room 1112, where the documents will be furnished.

Those who have submitted a bid on the contract will receive a refund of the deposit for each set of documents, not exceeding three, returned within forty days after the opening of proposals. Those who have not submitted a bid will receive a refund of one-half of the deposit for each set of documents, not exceeding three, returned within forty days after the opening of proposals.

THE PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY
Howard S. Cullman, Chairman

New York, April 28, 1955

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Bids: May 27, 1955

### *Middlesex County Sewerage Authority New Brunswick, N. J.*

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids for constructing the South River Interceptor under Contract number 10, will be received at the office of the Middlesex County Sewerage Authority, 103 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, N. J., until 2:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Saving time, on May 27th, 1955, and then will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Project includes 6,800 feet of 48 inch pipe; 18,000 feet of 45 inch pipe; 570 feet of 24 inch pipe; 26 manholes; 5 meter chambers and 4 inverted siphons, including all appurtenances.

Drawings and contract documents may be examined at offices of the Authority and of Bogert-Childs Engineering Associates, 624 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York. Copies may be obtained only from the Authority on payment of $50.00, and which amount will not be refunded.

Bid security: certified check to the order of The Middlesex County Sewerage Authority or bid bond for $75,000. Successful bidder must furnish 100% performance bond.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
By: CHESTER A. LYDECKER, Chairman

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### U. S. Government

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Reclamation. Sealed bids (Specifications No. DC-4405) will be received at Fargo, North Dakota, until June 2, 1955, for furnishing labor and materials for Fargo Substation and Modifications at Jamestown Substation, Transmission Division, Missouri River Basin Project, North Dakota. Location near Fargo and Jamestown, North Dakota. Principal items are 7,790 cu. yds. excavation; 1,170 cu. yds. concrete; 403,000 lbs. furnishing and erecting steel structures; furnishing and installing three 1,000,000 B.t.u. per hour evaporative coolers; 10,600 lbs. furnishing and installing metal pipe, fittings, and valves; constructing service building; installing synchronour condenser; 7,000 lin. ft. furnishing and installing aluminum pipe bus; and other work. Completion time 350 days. For particulars, address Bureau of Reclamation, P. O. Box 2130, Billings, Montana; P. O. Box 1993, Fargo, North Dakota; or Building 53, Denver Federal Center, Denver 2, Colorado. W. A. Dexheimer, Commissioner.

## OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: May 17, 1955

### *Power Authority Of The State Of New York*

ST. LAWRENCE POWER PROJECT
ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
THE FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF HIGH PRESSURE OIL PIPE-TYPE CABLE
SPECIFICATION NO. PA-4-14004
ST. LAWRENCE CONTRACT NO. P10

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: The POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK will receive sealed proposals for the design, manufacture, and furnishing of two (2) circuits of 230 kv high pressure oil, pipe-type cable and appurtenances and two (2) circuits of 115 kv high pressure oil, pipe-type cable and appurtenances and the delivery thereof f.o.b. the Authority's classification yard, Massena, New York, in the following ways:

(1) If brought in person on the day of receiving bids until 2:30 P.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on the 17th day of May, 1955, 270 Broadway, Room 1704, New York, New York.

(2) If mailed in until 2:15 P.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on the 17th day of May, 1955, at the Authority's office, 270 Broadway, Room 1300, New York 7, New York.

Each circuit of high pressure, oil pipe-type cable shall consist of the high voltage cable, the steel pipe for the three-phase cable run, non-magnetic pipe (copper tubing) for the single phase cable runs, terminal assemblies (potheads), three-conductor trifurcating joint assemblies or sleeves, straight joint and splice assembly, special insulating oil and appurtenances for connecting the three (3) single phase transformers to the switchyard bus. A dual pumping plant, including all electrical controls, oil reservoir, and all necessary valves, piping (not embedded), gages, and other oppurtenances necessary to operate system as specified in the Technical Provisions of this specification, will be required for the two 230 kv circuits and a similar dual pumping plant for the 2-115 kv circuits. Delivery of the first 115 kv cable circuit will be required on or before July 1, 1957, and the remainder of the cable circuits to be delivered in accordance with the delivery schedule in this specification. Bids will be entertained only for all four circuits and associated equipment and services in accordance with the bidding schedule. Erection at the site of installation will be done by others, but services of an erecting engineer shall be provided by the manufacturer if and when required.

Plans, specifications, and Proposal Forms for the work will be on file in the Authority's Office and in the offices of the Engineer, Uhl, Hall & Rich, 230 Congress Street, Boston 10, Massachusetts, and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, 620 University Avenue, Toronto 2, Ontario, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during office hours.

Plans, specifications, and Proposal Forms may be obtained from the Power Authority of the State of New York, 270 Broadway, Room 1300, New York 7, N. Y., upon application and prepayment of a fee of Ten ($10.00) dollars per initial set of contract documents and Five ($5.00) dollars per set for additional sets, no part of which will be refunded. Two sets must be returned with each bid.

Bids must be made in duplicate upon the proposal forms included in and bound with the Contract Documents. A bid deposit will be required with each bid in an amount not less than 10 per cent of the maximum price bid for any bid schedule.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

W. S. CHAPIN
GENERAL MANAGER

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Bids: May 17, 1955

### *Power Authority Of The State Of New York*

ST. LAWRENCE POWER PROJECT
ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
THE FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF GENERATOR GROUNDING CUBICLES
SPECIFICATIONS NO. PA-5-14007
ST. LAWRENCE CONTRACT NO. P16

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: The POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK will receive sealed proposals for the design, manufacture, and furnishing of sixteen (16) generator grounding

## OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

cubicles and delivery thereof f. o. b. the Authority's classification yard, Massena, New York in the following ways:

(1) If brought in person, on the day of receiving bids until 10:30 A.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on the 17th day of May, 1955, 270 Broadway, Room 1704, New York, New York.

(2) If mailed in, until 10:15 A.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on the 17th day of May, 1955, at the Authority's office, 270 Broadway, Room 1300, New York 7, New York.

Bids will be entertained for 16 generator grounding cubicles and associated equipment and services in accordance with the bidding schedule. Erection at the site of installation will be done by others but services of an erecting engineer shall be provided by the manufacturer if and when required.

Plans, specifications and Proposal Forms for the work will be on file in the Authority's office and in the offices of the Engineer, Uhl, Hall & Rich, 230 Congress Street, Boston 10, Massachusetts and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, 620 University Avenue, Toronto 2, Ontario, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during office hours.

Plans, specifications, and Proposal Forms may be obtained from the Power Authority of the State of New York, 270 Broadway, Room 1300, New York 7, New York, upon application and prepayment of a fee of Ten ($10.00) dollars per initial set of contract documents and Five ($5.00) dollars per set for additional sets, no part of which will be refunded. Two sets must be returned with each bid.

Bids must be made in duplicate upon the proposal forms included in and bound with the Contract Documents. Bid deposit will be required with each bid in an amount not less than 10 percent of the price bid for the schedule.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

W. S. CHAPIN
GENERAL MANAGER

PA-5-14007

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Bids: May 24, 1955

### *Middlesex County Sewerage Authority New Brunswick, N. J.*

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids for constructing the Sayreville Force Main, under Contract number 11, will be received at the office of the Middlesex County Sewerage Authority, 103 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, N. J., until 2:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Saving time, on May 24th, 1955, and then will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Project involves the construction of approximately 19,000 lineal feet of reinforced concrete pressure pipe, including all appurtenances. Alternate proposals are to be received for 72 inch and 78 inch diameter pipe. Work is located in Sayreville, New Jersey, generally following the Raritan River.

Drawings and contract documents may be examined at offices of the Authority and of Elson T. Killam, Engineer, 529 Millburn Avenue, Short Hills, N. J. Copies may be obtained only from the Authority on payment of $50.00, and which amount will not be refunded.

Bid security: certified check to the order of The Middlesex County Sewerage Authority or bid bond for $100,000. Successful bidder must furnish 100% performance bond.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
By: CHESTER A. LYDECKER, Chairman

**Contractors Watch This Section —**

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## OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: May 12, 1955

### *Water Mains and Appurtenances For Water District No. One*

IN THE
TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA AND COUNTY
OF SUSSEX, SPARTA, N. J.

Sealed bids for the construction of water mains in Main Street, Sparta Avenue and Mohawk Avenue, will be received at the office of Township Committee in the Town Hall, Sparta, N. J. until 8:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on the 12th day of May 1955 and then at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

The work will consist of 2500 feet of 8 inch pipe and 1720 feet of 6 inch pipe with valves, hydrants and appurtenances and the unloading, hauling and installing of the above pipe, valves and hydrants and appurtenances and making connections to existing mains.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications and Form of Performance Bond may be examined at the office of the Clerk, of Township Committee, Township of Sparta, New Jersey, and at the office of Keis & Holroyd, Consulting Engineers, 257 Broadway, Troy, New York. Copies thereof may be obtained at the said office of the Clerk, of Township Committee, or Keis & Holroyd, upon payment of $25.00 for each set. Any bidder upon returning such set promptly in good condition will be refunded his payment and any non-bidder upon so returning such set within 30 days of date for receiving bids, will be refunded $20.000.

The Water Commission, Township of Sparta, New Jersey, reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.

A certified check made payable to the order of the Township Committee of Township of Sparta, New Jersey, in the amount of 5% of the bid must be deposited by each bidder with his bid as a guarantee that in case the contract is awarded to him, that he will, within 5 days thereafter, execute such contract and furnish a satisfactory performance bond. On failure to do so he shall forfeit the deposit as liquidated damages, and acceptance of the bid will be contingent upon the fulfillment of this requirement by the Bidder.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond satisfactory to the Water Commission of Water District No. One in the Township of Sparta, New Jersey, in the amount of the contract and having as surety thereon such Surety Company or Companies as are acceptable to the Township of Sparta, New Jersey.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the date set for the opening thereof. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above postponement thereof.

CHARLES G. BETHEL, Clerk
Dated: April 20, 1955
KEIS & HOLROYD
Consulting Engineers
Troy, New York

## U. S. Government

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, Bureau of Reclamation. Sealed bids (Specifications No. DC-4411) will be received at Yuma, Arizona, until June 9, 1955, for furnishing labor and materials for earthwork, concrete lining, and structures, Texas Hill Canal and Distribution System, Gila Project, Arizona. Location near Growler, Arizona. Principal items are 396,000 cu. yds. excavation for canal and laterals; 730,000 cu. yds. excavation for drainage channels and dikes; 30,750 cu. yds. excavation for structures; 2,165 cu. yds. concrete in structures; 11,600 cu. yds. unreinforced concrete canal and lateral lining; 20,000 barrels furnishing and handling cement; 219,000 lbs. furnishing and placing reinforcement bars; 4,451 lin. ft. furnishing and laying 12-inch to 72-inch concrete pipe; furnishing and installing 7 outdoor-type, motor-driven pumping plants; and other work. Completion time 440 days. For particulars, address Bureau of Reclamation, Bin 151, Yuma, Arizona; or Building 53, Denver Federal Center, Denver 2, Colorado. W. A. Dexheimer, Commissioner.

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## OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: June 10, 1955

### *Middlesex County Sewerage Authority New Brunswick, N. J.*

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids for constructing the easterly section of the Main Trunk Sewer, under Contract number 9A, will be received at the office of The Middlesex County Sewerage Authority, 103 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, N. J., until 2:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on June 10th, 1955, and then will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Project includes 2,643 lineal feet of 66 inch, 20,934 lineal feet of 84 inch sewers, as principal sewers, and 4,907 lineal feet of connections to the participants, including all appurtenances.

Drawings and contract documents may be examined at offices of the Authority and of Charles J. Kupper, Engineer, 15 Stelton Road, New Market, N. J. Copies may be obtained only from the Authority on payment of $25.00, and which amount will not be refunded.

Bid security: certified check to the order of The Middlesex County Sewerage Authority or bid bond for $235,000. Successful bidder must furnish 100% performance bond.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
By: CHESTER A. LYDECKER
Chairman

Bids: May 23, 1955

### *Eastern Utilities Commission*

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Proposals will be received by The Easton Utilities Commission at their office in Easton, Maryland until 8:00 P. M., E.D.S.T., Monday, May 23, 1955 for repairing and painting one water storage standpipe and painting one elevated water storage tank and tower in the Town of Easton, Maryland.

Form of Contract, Specifications and Blank Proposals may be obtained from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Easton Utilities Commission upon deposit of ten ($10.00) dollars.

A certified check, cash or a bid bond in an amount of not less than ten per centum (10%) of the amount of the base bid must accompany each bid.

The Easton Utilities Commission of Easton, Maryland reserve the right to reject any or all bids or sections of bids as deemed to the best interest of the Town of Easton, Maryland.

WM. H. CORKRAN, JR.,
TOWN ENGINEER
RALPH A. TOWNSEND
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Bids: May 10, 1955

### *Massachusetts Turnpike Authority*

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals for Highway and Bridge construction for a section of the Massachusetts Turnpike in the Towns of Hopkinton, Westborough, Southborough, Ashland and Framingham (CONTRACT NO. 51-093) will be received at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, Room 1059, 80 Boylston Street, Boston 16, Massachusetts until 11:00 A.M. of Tuesday, May 10, 1955, and immediately thereafter will be publicly opened and read in the Surrey Room on the lobby floor of the Hotel Touraine across the street from the Turnpike Authority's offices.

Proposal Guaranty: $150,000.
Charge for plans and proposal forms: $100.00, not refundable.
Charge for printed copy of Standard Specifications: $10.00, not refundable.

Complete information at said office of the Authority: at office of General Consulting Engineer to Authority: Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff, Room 1146, 80 Boylston Street, Boston 16, Massachusetts, and at office of Section Engineer: The Clarkeson Engineering Company, Inc., 285 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

Minimum wage and dump-truck rates have been established. Right reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals. An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not equipped to promptly undertake and complete the work.

By: WILLIAM F. CALLAHAN,
Chairman
April 16, 1955

## OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: May 12, 1955

### *Contract No. P-6*

DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY
Administration Building
Camden, New Jersey

ROADWAY GRADING AND DRAINAGE, SEPARATION STRUCTURES AND CITY STREET CHANGES, MOYAMENSING AVENUE TO 7th STREET, and RANDOLPH STREET STRUCTURE

Sealed bids will be received for ROADWAY GRADING AND DRAINAGE, SEPARATION STRUCTURES AND CITY STREET CHANGES, MOYAMENSING AVENUE TO 7TH STREET, and RANDOLPH STREET STRUCTURE of the Bridge over the Delaware River Connecting Packer Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Gloucester, New Jersey known as Contract P-6, at the office of the Executive Director of the Delaware River Port Authority, Administration Building, Bridge Plaza, Camden, New Jersey until 2:30 P. M. (Eastern Standard Time), Thursday, May 12, 1955 at which place and time they will be publicly opened and read by the Authority.

A more complete description of the work and full information for bidders are given in the Contract Documents and Specifications for this Contract, which may be obtained upon a deposit of $10.00 which will be remitted upon receipt of bid or the return in good condition of the copies so taken within thirty days after the opening of bids.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of $200,000 payable to the Delaware River Port Authority and drawn upon a National or State Bank or Trust Company having an office or place of business either in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, or Camden, New Jersey, and must not be enclosed with the sealed bid. The surety's consent must be shown. The bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to furnish a Performance and Labor and Materialmen's Bond in the sum of 100 per cent.

The Authority will afford prospective bidders an opportunity to inspect the site of the work.

The Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bids received; to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract only to those experienced in this class of work and to the bidder whose proposal is deemed by the Authority to be most advantageous to the public interest.

DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY
JOSEPH K. COSTELLO
Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Department of Public Works. NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: Sealed proposals for State Highway and Bridge Construction (Southern Circumferential Highway) in CANTON, DEDHAM and WESTWOOD, U-229 (9), will be received at Room 427, 100 Nashua Street, Boston, Mass., until 2:00 P.M. (DST) of Tuesday, May 10, 1955, and at that place and time publicly opened and read. Proposal guaranty: $45,000. Charge for plans and proposal forms: $20.00, amount returnable only to bidders. Complete information at said office, plans on display at District offices. Minimum wage and dump-truck rates have been established. Right reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals. An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not equipped to undertake and complete the work. By: John A. Volpe, Commissioner of Public Works.
April 23, 1955.

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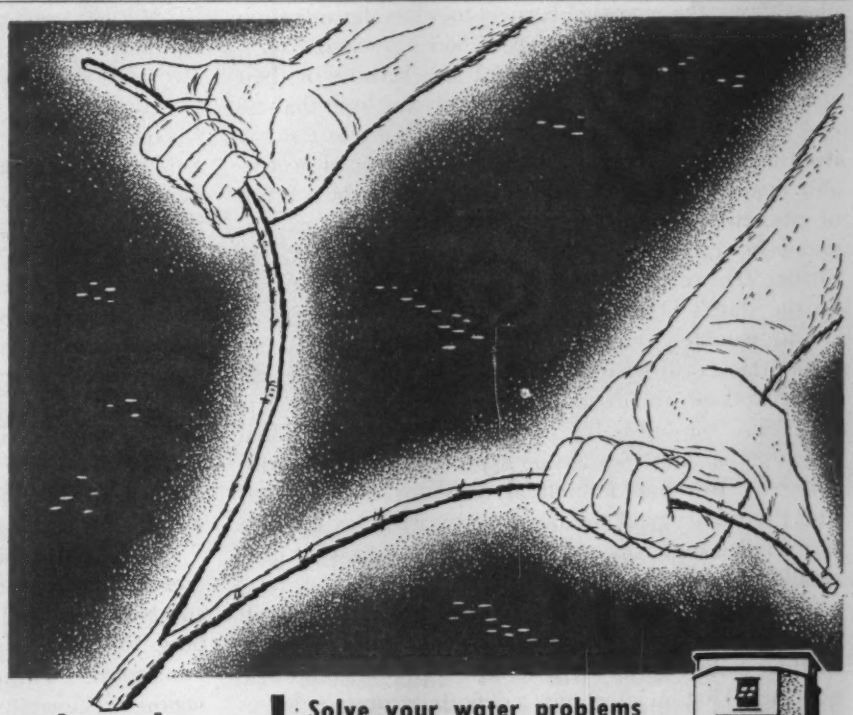

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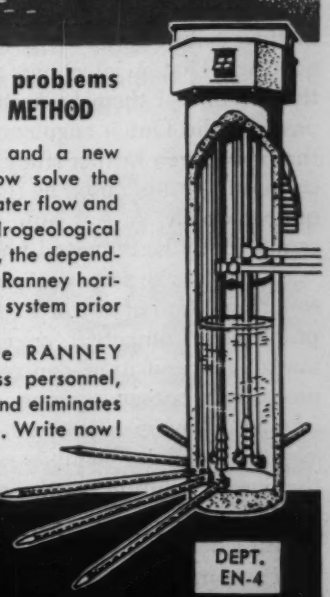

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# EDITORIALS

## California Water Planning

TWO ENGINEERING REPORTS on proposals to increase the fresh-water supply of the Central Valley region of California have just been submitted to the California Water Project Authority (ENR April 7, p. 25). They are important because they mark the application of careful engineering judgment to costly proposals that have not had enough of that kind of study in the past. This was due in large part to the fact that most proposals to improve the water supply for that region were tied in to plans to use the proposed barriers to salt-water intrusion as causeways for new crossings of San Francisco Bay.

The new reports are significant also because of their agreement on a basic question: Both conclude that no one of the several proposed long barriers across the bay itself or arms of the bay would assure water of acceptable quality. One of these reports was made by a board of eminent consulting engineers from this country assisted by a Dutch engineer with wide experience in Zuyder Zee reclamation work. The second was written by the state's Division of Water Resources.

Unfortunately the report of the consulting board has been attacked in what appears to be an unfair manner. Criticism from the disappointed proponents of projects that combine salt-water barriers with other regional development work was to be expected and can be discounted. But one influential legislator has declared that the money paid the board was wasted because the board failed to make conclusive findings as to what plan should be adopted.

That is quibbling. Actually, the board stated that all the plans put before it initially "were fatally defective in their failure to assure a water supply of acceptable quality." That, in effect, was a definite recommendation that no one of them be built. Concerning a new proposal by the Dutch engineer, the board recommended that it be given further study. Lacking full information concerning issues raised by the new proposal, the board, quite properly, gave it only qualified endorsement. It cannot fairly be criticized for that.

As a matter of fact, very real progress has been made toward solution of one of California's major engineering problems. Competent engineers have sifted all the available information concerning each of the several projects for conserving more of the fresh water flowing into San Francisco Bay, and have come to the conclusion that no barrier built across tidal waters will provide the correct solution for the water problem. If there is an answer, the board states, it may be found in some plan for diverting the fresh water before it reaches the tidal estuaries, as was proposed by the Dutch engineer after his study of the situation. The State Engineer concurs in these findings and has recommended that future study be concentrated on a detailed study of the Dutch engineer's plan.

Such a study should not take many months and should provide the California Water Project Authority with a definite answer to this difficult problem.

## Why Fewer Trucks on the Penn Turnpike?

A DECLINE IN USE of the Pennsylvania Turnpike by commercial trucks during the past year (ENR March 10, p. 23) certainly is a cause for speculation in view of the steady upward climb in truck registrations during the same period. Numerically, the decline is small—from 302,600,000 truck-miles to 284,100,000—and it has little significance financially as the commission's total net income is far above that required for bond interest and amortization.

The decline might be due to a temporary situation resulting from lack of a direct connection between the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Turnpikes. Until the Delaware River extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike was opened last November, the eastern end of that highway was near no good truck route to the New York metropolitan region. The extension probably helps, but it opens onto routes that are heavily overloaded. Due to this lack of a direct link between the two turnpikes, it could be that truckers who began using the extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike east of Harrisburg when it was first opened have gone back to using U. S. 22 between Harrisburg and the New York region. That highway is a lot better than it was a few years ago.

But the cause could be a more direct result of the progressive improvements on U. S. 22 between Harrisburg and New York and on U. S. 230 and 30 between Harrisburg and Philadelphia. Truck operators who use the Pennsylvania Turnpike to get through the mountainous region of the western part of that state may have found that the time and fuel savings resulting from using the turnpike east of Harrisburg do not offset the toll costs.

Completion of the link now being built between the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Turnpikes could change the Harrisburg-New York situation completely because that link will provide truck operators across Pennsylvania with a superior route right to the major Hudson River crossings on which the time and fuel savings will be large.

Taking a long look ahead, such changes in the use of toll highways appears inevitable as the nation's free highways are brought up to modern standards, as most people hope they will be in the not too distant future despite the current lack of enthusiasm in Washington for the President's big road-building program. For long distance movements, the chain of toll highways that soon will link the Midwest with the big North Atlantic seaports will provide savings that offset toll costs. But for shorter distances, improvements in local highways probably will win back traffic that now is willing to pay a toll for a route better than the present one.

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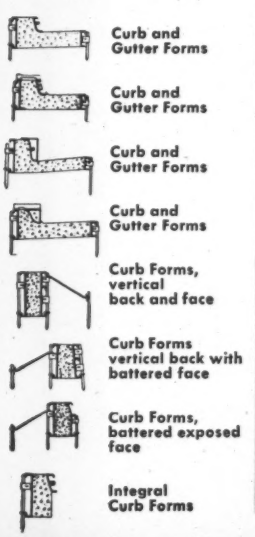

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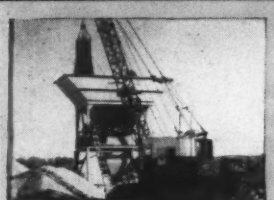

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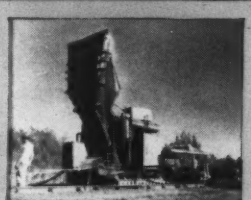

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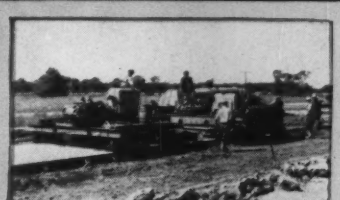

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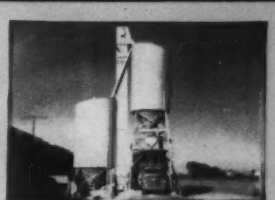

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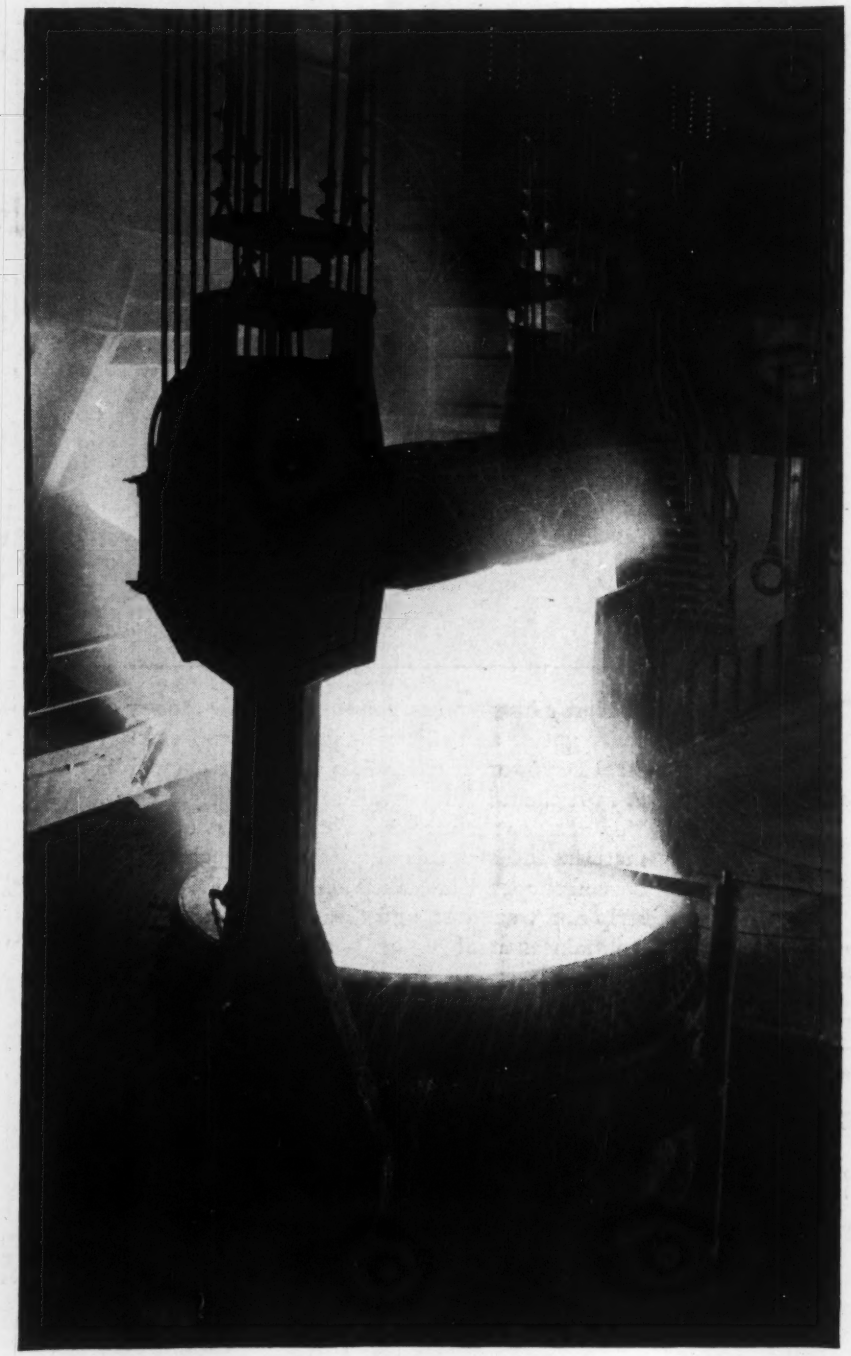

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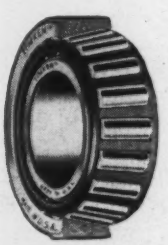
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